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

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

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FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2: Gratitude Luncheon

April 3: DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo

April 10: Hanamatsuri & Hatsumairi service

May 1: DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo at JSC

May 1: Bazaar Construction

May 8: Gotanye & Parents Day service

May 21-22: 67th Annual Satsuki Bazaar

May 24: Bazaar Clean-up

April 2016 Dharma School Schedule

Apr. 3: Regular Dharma School classes

Apr. 10: Regular Dharma School classes;
Hanamatsuri/Hatsumairi

Apr. 17: Regular Dharma School classes;

Apr. 24: Regular Dharma School classes

Duty of the Dharmathon

“Wholly sincere, indeed, are the words of truth that one is grasped, never to be abandoned, the right dharma all-surpassing and wondrous! Hear and reflect, and let there be no waving or apprehension.”¹

For the BCA ministers and numerous temple delegates, the month of March began with the Ministers’ Association meeting and the National Council meeting in Visalia, CA. This was my first time attending these meetings since I began my assignment as a new BCA Kyoshi minister. Since it was my first time, I was rather excited to attend. Plus, the perk of seeing my friends in the BCA made the 3.5-hour trip to Visalia well worth it.

As one of the five new ministers assigned to BCA temples, I was invited to join the others in participating in this year’s Dharmathon at National Council. It was an honor to be invited to speak, but quite nerve wracking at the same time since I knew I would be speaking in front of a vast room of people. My heart was beating out of my chest as I began my Dharma message, but luckily, I slowly calmed down.

My colleagues who also participated in the Dharmathon were amazing. Rev. Sekiya began the Dharmathon and we were fortunate to hear her beautiful chanting voice during her Dharma message. Rev. Hamasaki, also now known as “The Voice,” used his comedic charisma to talk about his life in Japan and the use of the term, “Sumimasen!” He related this to the way in which we can call out to the Buddha through saying the Nembutsu. Rev. Wondra candidly spoke about her Nembutsu path to the ministry and how the Buddha and Shinran Shonin’s teachings can relate to our everyday lives. Rev. Quon spoke about his grandmother, the relationship he had with her, the gift that we all receive from Amida Buddha, and the gratitude that can arise from it.

Following the Dharmathon, I was in awe of my colleagues. I was able to see their own unique styles of spreading the Dharma and how it influences and informs their lives. I could feel their sincerity and their gratitude for being able to live this life of the Nembutsu. They made me hopeful for the future of BCA and I felt lucky to be in their company.

Through this Dharmathon experience, it reminded me that the Buddha-Dharma is wondrous. The Dharma is here for all of us and through various means (or Dharmathon speakers), it is transmitted to each of us in a way that is individually meaningful. As the Three Treasurers reminds us, “...hard is it to hear such an excellent, profound and wonderful doctrine. Now, we are able to hear and receive it.”² Because of this beautiful gift of the Buddha’s teachings, we are always grasped by the Buddha and never abandoned. Let us all be grateful for being able to hear, receive, and reflect upon the Dharma, not just on Sundays, but everyday.

In Gassho,
Rev. Candice Shibata

¹ From *The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way*, CWS, 3.

² From *Three Treasurers I*, Shin Buddhist Service Book, 8.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"After reading a lot of overheated puffery about your new cook, you know what I'm craving? A little perspective. That's it. I'd like some fresh, clear, well seasoned perspective. Can you suggest a good wine to go with that?"-Anton Ego-Ratatouille

Well, we asked for rain and it appears Mother Nature has responded. As I write this, the rain continues and I think about how in years past, we would complain when the rain came, but that now, given our newly found respect for water, we celebrate it falling. Interesting how our perceptions of our reality provide us with new perspective.

At the temple, we have had many opportunities this month to get "perspective." We have had so many wonderful guest speakers, recently: Rev. Sakamoto from Fresno, Rev. Adams from San Mateo, and lest I forget, Bishop Umezu. One of the amazing things about our Temple is the fact that we get to hear so many views on the Dharma that allow us to see things differently. My thanks go out to all who attended the General Meeting last month as well as to the Katos for assisting me. I hope that my presentation provided a sufficient overview of our Temple to allow you the chance to get some "perspective" on the state of our affairs.

Changing our "perspective" to the future, we must look ahead to April and May. On April 10th, we will have our Hanamatsuri and Hatsumairi service in which we celebrate the birth of the Buddha. Keep May in sight as that is Bazaar time. Our Bazaar committee has been meeting since January and all appears to be in order. The Bazaar committee is always looking for more dedicated members of our Sangha to help and provide more "perspective." If you would like to assist, their meetings are held the last Sunday of each month after service. Keep Sunday, May 1st clear or mark you calendar as it is Bazaar Construction Day. Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd are the actual days of the Bazaar itself and Tuesday, May 24th is Bazaar Clean Up. The Bazaar is a significant source of funding for our programs and as such, we implore you all to join making this a wonderful event. Through our participation we can convey our gratitude to the Temple and those who have gone before us for all they have provided.

I look forward to seeing you all and thank you for your support in 2016!

Gassho,

Takashi Nikaidoh
BBT President 2016

COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

**April 3, 2016
9:30 am**

Shotsuki Hoyo Service – April 3, 2016, 9:30 AM

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

Flora T. Adachi	Kinoe Adachi	Shigetaro Adachi
Douglas I. Ariyoshi	Yoshino Ariyoshi	Nobuko Mae Asami
Jack S. Ehara	Dirk S. Fujii	Juzaburo Furuzawa
Rose-Annette Gervais	Toshiko T. Goodman	Takekuni Hino
Yoshio Hiramoto	Hisako H. Hirose	Hiroichi Hishida
Toyoye Ichiyasu	Soka Ikemoto	Chiyo Ishikawa
Kanzo Iyama	Lily Kagawa	George Kako
Takeo Katayama	Kikutaro Kimura	Shunta Marubayashi
Chiyomi Masuda	Yemiko Masunaga	Kimiyo Matsui
Tsutomu Matsumoto	Hideaki Matsunaga	Victoria Mizuhara
Torao Tony Mizusaki	Toshio Morishita	Arthur Nakamura
Virginia T. Nakaso	James K. Nishimoto	Joe Oishi
Riu Oishi	Shoichi Sawada	Matsutaro Takemori
Masae Takeshita	Hideo Taketa	Kenichi Tokuyoshi
Yoshimi Toyota	Alice T. Tsukimura	Izumi Uyeda
James Wakida	David S. Watanabe	Takeo Yamada
Katsuji Yokoyama	Yonosuke Yokoyama	Hideichi J. Yoshida
Hisayo Yoshimura		

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

On Mara's Army

By Diane Ames

Mara's army of demons does not just sit around camp for kalpas on end waiting to attack some sage who is about to become a Buddha. If they did, they would get all out of shape. No, in between Buddhas, they plague ordinary people. For Mara's soldiers are otherwise known as fears. I suffered an attack myself during my recent bout with bronchitis.

"It's the beginning of the end!" chorused Mara's soldiers, who took the form of huge noxious insects buzzing around my head. "It's the beginning of the end!"

"Nonsense!" I exclaimed. "I've got an antibiotic that will head off pneumonia this time!"

"That's if you haven't got a resistant strain again," cackled the pneumonia demon.

"Remember having a resistant strain of...the pn word?"

"And boy, do you have shortness of breath!" jeered the asthma demon.

"Of course I do!" I protested. "Respiratory infections always make that worse."

"Who are you kidding? It's never been half this bad. You can't get out of your chair without panting for breath. You cough all day long. And you've gone from four asthma meds to six."

"The shortness of breath will get better when I get well."

"And if it never entirely does?"

"What about your blood sugar?" said the diabetes demon. "Between being sick and lack of exercise--how long do you think it will be before you can walk from the BART station to the YMCA, much less exercise--I'll bet you get another test result in the diabetic range. How long can you stay *prediabetic* at this rate?"

"Your lungs will kill you! Your pancreas will kill you!" chanted the demons, ignoring consistency.

"If you don't die of cancer first!" shouted the cancer demon.

"What the blazes are *you* doing here?" I shouted back. "There's not the least sign of cancer!"

"So? What have the worries of a hopeless worry wart like you got to do with logic?"

"You have three different chronic conditions, and you're not getting any younger! You'll be seventy in a few weeks. Happy birthday to you!" They began singing. "Happy birthday to you!"

"Good grief, stop carrying on like I'll be dead by Tuesday. I may live to be 80 or more."

"But you'll die some day! Sooner or later, you'll die!"

"I know. I'll fight it to the end; it's my nature. And when I can't fight it any more, I'll just have to accept it. I don't think I could do that by myself. But I'll have Amida's help."

**HANAMATSURI &
HATSUMAIRI SERVICES**

April 10, 2016
9:30 AM

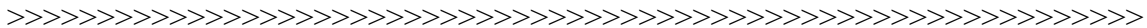
Dharma School Program

Coffee Social following the service

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

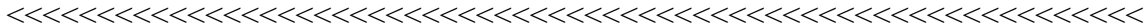
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REMINDER

BAZAAR CONSTRUCTION ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016
PLEASE COME AND HELP FROM 9 AM

Refreshments served.



TEL: (510) 841-1356

FAX: (510) 841-1435

Berkeley Buddhist Temple
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

March 16, 2016

Dear Sangha Friends,

The warm spring has finally arrived. Cherry blossoms are preparing to bloom. We hope you are doing well in the Compassionate Light of the Buddha.

April is the month of O-Hanamatsuri, the celebration of the birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha. Buddhists all over the world celebrate his birth. At the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, we will celebrate Hanamatsuri on Sunday, April 10 from 9:30 AM. We will have a beautiful hanamido decorated by the 6th to 8th graders of our Dharma School. There will be a Dharma School program as well. There will also be a Hatsumairi service for infants. A coffee social will follow the service.

Please come and observe this auspicious occasion at our temple.

An envelope is attached for your special Hanamatsuri donation. The Temple greatly appreciates your thoughtful generosity.

In Gassho,

Berkeley Buddhist Temple

HATSUMAIRI
INFANT PRESENTATION CEREMONY
Sunday, April 10, 2016

We cordially invite you to bring your newborns and children up to one year of age to participate in our annual *Hatsumairi* Ceremony, which is to take place during our *Hanamatsuri* service on Sunday, April 10, 2016.

Hatsumairi literally means, "first Buddhist service." Often translated as "Infant Presentation Service," *Hatsumairi* represents the first opportunity for parents to bring infants who were born during the previous year to our Temple. At the same time, it gives our Temple the opportunity to give expression to the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha, which embraces people of all ages, genders, races, and social strata.

If you wish to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the temple by Sunday, April 3, 2016. Please call the temple at (510) 841-1356 if you have any questions regarding this ceremony. Thank you!

Please complete this form and send it to the temple by **April 3, 2016.**
Attention: Rev. Candice Shibata
2121 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Age
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Parents' Names

Address	City	Zip
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Phone Number	Email Address
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Last month the Jr. YBA crew sold some baked goods on Valentines Day. This was after spending the night at Reverend Shibata's on Saturday night who was a wonderful host.

Next week the Jr. YBA will be heading down to the Bay District conference.

Community Service

Thank you everyone for participating in our community service activities. Please consider participating in one of the events listed below:

Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County

Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Duties include helping kitchen staff sort and organize incoming donations and prep food in the kitchen.

For more information about this event contact Bradley Menda at

info@berkeleysangha.org or RSVP using the following link: goo.gl/forms/Qawp7QEIX0



Donate Toiletries to Berkeley Womens Shelter

Ongoing - look for the donation bins in the Social Hall.

Needed items include:

Toothpaste • Toothbrushes • Denture cream and cleaner • Shampoo • Conditioner • Razors & shaving cream • Bars of soap • Bottles of body wash • Face cloths • Deodorant • Alcohol-free mouthwash



Our Newly Certified Minister's Assistant: Tara Umemoto

I am Tara Umemoto, daughter of Keith Umemoto and Paula Mishima. I was born and raised in Sacramento with my younger sisters Allie and Kayla. I began attending the Buddhist Church of Sacramento when I was in the 4th grade and took Rev. Bob (Oshita)'s Metta Padma class in the 5th grade, which sparked my interest in Buddhism. I was fortunate enough to attend the 6th Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) retreat in 2010. Since then I have been helping out at the church in any way I can, and when I went to college I began going to the Berkeley Buddhist Temple. Here, I have been fortunate to meet such a welcoming community and to be able to continue my study of Buddhism.

On Feb 21, 2016, Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Bishop, certified Tara Umemoto as a minister's assistant at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.

I graduated from UC Berkeley in 2015 majoring in Social Welfare and minoring in Education and am currently an AmeriCorps VISTA working with the Oakland Unified School District in the Health and Wellness unit. I hope to pursue a career in Social Work, while still helping at the temple when I can. I am grateful to everyone who has helped me on this path and for their continuous support.



In December 2015, Tara was helping at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple as a youth minister's assistant. Here she is with (left to right) new BBT Resident Minister Rev. Candice Shibata, Ms. Edythe Vassall, and Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto.

Do you sew, knit, bead, make pottery or woodcrafts, design cards?



The BBT Bazaar Crafts Booth needs your talents! We seek handcrafted items, especially those made with Japanese materials or with Japanese design elements, such as tote bags, zippered cosmetic bags, aprons, dishtowels, potholders, scarves, quilts, decorated cards, pottery, and jewelry. We have limited supplies of Japanese fabrics, apron forms, and washi paper that we can provide if you'd like to use them.

Please contact Evelyn Nakano Glenn (510-841-1356, info@berkeleysangha.org) for information or to donate your items.

For free easy patterns and instructions go to:



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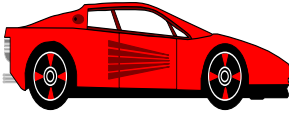
so-sew-easy.com/multi-purpose-tablet-bag-pattern

For other types of bags, go to: so-sew-easy.com/showcase

Silent Auction Donation

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Satsuki Bazaar & Arts Festival



Don't wait! Please start bringing in your donations. We gladly accept new, gently used, Japanese antiques, preferably boxed donations. Here are a few suggestions.

Artwork: Japanese artwork, house-ware, ceramics, paintings, photographs...

Electronics: iPhone, iPod, iTunes, Wii, cell phone, MP3 player, digital camera....

Entertainment: civic light opera tickets, movie passes, Lawrence Hall of Science...

Gift Certificates to your favorite restaurant, fun centers, spa treatment, massage...

Kitchen appliances: perhaps an unopened wedding gift?

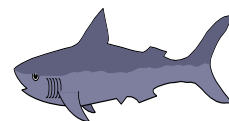
Services or lessons: yard-work, construction, swimming, SAT, math, reading, music.....

Sporting event tickets to: As, Giants, Raiders, 49ers, Sharks, Bears, Cardinal, tee-times at golf courses, auto-racing.....

Travel: spare frequent flyer mileage.....

Weekend Get-Away: donate your condo for a weekend in Tahoe, Reno, Hawaii, wine country, Monterey bay, Europe.....

Contact Silent Auction Co-Chairs: Grant Din or Miki Adachi (510-841-1356)



CARDBOARD FOR BAZAAR

Costco shopping trip? New appliance in your future?

The 2016 Satsuki Bazaar needs cardboard to cover the kitchen, Old Temple and booth floors. If you could collect some large pieces of cardboard and bring them to the back of the Social Hall in the next few weeks before the Bazaar, it would be greatly appreciated. A good source for the large pieces of cardboard is the liners between items on the pallets at Costco (they allow you to collect them as you shop). Another good source is the box from that large appliance or big screen tv.

Thanks for your help,
Bazaar Construction Committee



SATSUKI BAZAAR & ARTS FESTIVAL

ANNUAL BAZAAR CONSTRUCTION DAY

SUNDAY MAY 1

9 AM

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

ALL TEMPLE & DHARMA SCHOOL MEMBERS & FRIENDS INVITED

PREPARE & SET UP FOR THE BAZAAR

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

**ASSEMBLING BAZAAR BOOTHS & OTHER STRUCTURES
PRIMPING LANDSCAPING – CLEANING AND TIDYING
HANGING SIGNS –LAYING CARDBOARD ON KITCHEN FLOORS
BUILDING HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMPS – ETC., ETC.**

GOOD THINGS TO BRING:

**1/2" WRENCH
SCREWGUNS AND OTHER WOODWORKING TOOLS
GARDENING TOOLS, GLOVES, UTILITY KNIVES**

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

QUESTIONS? Craig Griffin [510.841.1356](tel:510.841.1356) info@berkeleysangha.org

REMINDERS:

SILENT AUCTION IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS – Contact Miki

BAKERY IS LOOKING FOR BAKED GOODS – Contact Naomi

BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE QUESTIONS – Contact Karen

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SATSUKI BAZAAR & ARTS FESTIVAL

MAY 21-22: SAT, 3-9 PM / SUN, 12-7 PM

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KENNY ENDO

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announced ~

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MANJU • SHAVE ICE • GAMES FOR KIDS
SILENT AUCTION • ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE!

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BBT CAMPING 2016 - Registration

- What: BBT Temple Camping Trip!
When: Thurs August 4 - Sun August 7, 2016
Where: Manchester Beach KOA (north of Point Arena)
Cost for Food: Adults \$50, Kids 7th grade and up \$25. Kids 6th grade and under are free.
No guaranties, but past BBT Camping experiences have included fresh delicacies from the sea ie abalone, uni, fish. (This year abalone season opens August 1st)
Cost for Lodging: The cost for the group campsite for tent campers is \$10/day for adults, \$4/day for kids ages 3-17. This is paid directly to KOA.
(Some participants have rented cabins, which sold out quickly.)
Amenities Included: Clean restrooms and shower facilities, Pool/hot tub
Pets: Dogs are allowed.

Please return the completed form by **May 1st** with a check payable to Dina Honda to:
Dina Honda
2121 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

Reservations will be taken in the order received. We can accommodate the first 50 campers.

Questions: Dina Honda 510-841-1356 or info@berkeleysangha.org

Name: _____
Names/Grades of children _____
Address: _____
Phone: Cell _____ Home _____
Email: _____
Food Allergies: _____
Tent camping: Y / N Cabin (list occupants): _____
Estimated time/date of arrival: _____

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

**To the Family of Mr. Sam Uchiumi
Shaku Ken Sho
January 18, 1917 - January 27, 2016**

&

**To the Family of Mrs. Mary Teruko Kurokawa
Shakuni Kyo Ren
August 11, 1922 - February 10, 2016**

Namu Amida Butsu

Namu Amida Butsu

Namu Amida Butsu



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. Shibata at (510) 508-0292.

2016 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2015	1 ST Year
2014	3 rd Year
2010	7 th Year
2004	13 th Year
2000	17 th Year
1992	25 th Year
1984	33 rd Year
1967	50 th Year
1917	100 th Year

Pledges Received Feb 13th thru Mar 1st, 2016

The following members have pledged in amounts ranging from \$150 to \$5,000. Pledges sent in after this date may not have been processed by the Padma deadline and will be published in subsequent issues. The temple gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions and thanks you for your dana and understanding. Please advise us of any omissions.

Miki Adachi	Michihiro & Masako Kizaki	Ralph & Barbara Reid
Richard Adachi	Dii Lewis & Joyce Oishi	Dennis Sakurai
Bob & Carol Akiyama	Meriko Maida	Yoshi Shimada
Lorin Bond	Fumiye Mayeda	Glenn & Amy Shinsako
Wes Fukumori	Art Mayeno	Bill Siebold
Suzanne Furuya	Jeff & Robin McGuire	Karen Sugiyama
Gary Glenn & Evelyn Nakano Glenn	Molly Momii	Pat Takeda
Akemi Hamai & Amy Haruyama	John & Irene Murashima	Sally Takeda
Sats & Masako Hane	Judy Nakaso	Toshio Tsuda & Elaine Yokoyama
Ron Hiraga & Gayle Nishkawa	James & Jane Nehira	Kiyoye Unoki
Dina Honda	Nobuko Nishikado	Abe & Terry Watamura
Ritsuko Ide	Tamako Nishikai	Roy & Alice Wakida
Rose Ikeda	Yoshiye Nonaka	Shizuye Yamasaki
Flemming & Ellen Jorgensen	Gary Oda	Andy Yamashita
Ron & Mimi Kagehiro	Taye Oda	Sam & Norma Yamauchi
Susan Kajiwara	Hide Oshima	Lianne Yasumoto
Keiko Kawakami	John Oshima	
Jon Kawamoto	Kenji & Amy Ota	

Thank you to all temple members for your generous and continued support!
For any questions, please call Mimi Kagehiro 510-841-1356 or email info@berkeleysangha.org

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Cochairs: Kathleen Yee, Florence Jeong

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

Donation List - March 2016

Shotsuki Hoyo

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Mrs. Dorothy Ariyoshi	Henry Kuwada
Mr. William Bloom	Kimiyo Sakurai Bloom
Ms. Juanita Corona	Dean Muranishi
Ms. Grace Ehara	Toshiko Ehara
Ms. Grace Ehara	Toshiko Ehara memorial year
Bill and Judy Fujimoto	Naoki and Waki Wakaye
Ms. Irene Haraguchi	Mary Haraguchi – 1st yr memorial
Ms. Janice Haraguchi	Mary Haraguchi – 1st yr memorial
Mr. David Hataye	Toki Hataye
Mrs. Ritsuko Ide	Willy Ide
Ron and Mimi Kagehiro	Hayaji Oda
Ms. Keiko Kawakami	Tsuoto Kawakami
Mr. & Mrs. H.K. Kuwada	Henry Kuwada
Mrs. Amy Kuwada	Henry Kuwada – 7th yr memorial
Mrs. Elsie Mutobe	Edwin A. Mutobe
Mrs. Taeko Oda	Hayaji Oda
Ms. Joyce Oishi	Rev. Haruyoshi Kusada
Mrs. Grace Oki	Tomeko Tsuchihashi
Mr. & Mrs. Sadao Oki	Tomeko Tsuchihashi
Ms. Reiko Kurakazu	Rick Kurakazu
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Mrs. Toshi Sato	Judd M. Sato
Perry & Lori Sato	Judd M. Sato
Perry & Lori Sato	Tokutaro & Etsu Sato
Ms. Judith Sato	Etsu Sato
Ms. Judith Sato	Tokutaro Sato
Mrs. Toshi Sato	Etsu Sato
Mrs. Toshi Sato	Tokutaro Sato
Glenn & Amy Shinsako	Kyo & Kyujiro Waki
Mrs. Laura Suda Sato	Judd Sato
Mrs. Laura Suda Sato	Etsu & Tokutaro Sato
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Mrs. Opal Wakayama	Henry Kuwada
Abe & Terry Watamura	Tomo Watamura
Mrs. Michiko Yokota-Anzai	Michizo Yokota, Ryoichi Anzai
Ms. Elaine Yokoyama	B.K. Yokoyama
Ms. Elaine Yokoyama	Jinichi Hashizu and Hatsuyo Yokoyama
Ms. Frances Yoshimura	Takashi Yoshimura and Tokuo Nitta
Anonymous	Shotsuki Hoyo
Anonymous	Shotsuki Hoyo

Donation List - March 2016 (cont.)

Nirvana Day

Kiyoshi and Emiko Katsumoto

Don and Fumi Matsubara

Dana Day

Kiyoshi and Emiko Katsumoto

Spring Ohigan

Mrs. Sadako Delcollo

Ms. Denise Gervais

Kiyoshi & Emiko Katsumoto

Mrs. Fumiye Mayeda

Mrs. Molly Momii

Mrs. Sally Takeda

Mrs. Grace Ueda

Mrs. Sachi Yamasaki

Anonymous

Mr. & Mrs. Detlev Gempf

Ron & Mimi Kagehiro

Mrs. Meriko Maida

Mr. Bradley Menda

Mr. & Mrs. Kenji Ota

Mrs. Mieko Taketa

Mrs. Opal Wakayama

Mrs. Shizue Yamasaki

Special Donations

Mr. Robert Inouye

Ms. Yoko Izumi

Berkeley Buddhist Temple Jr YBA

Mrs. Sueko Kawamoto

Mrs. Judy Kono

Mary, Becky, Kris and Keiko Kosugi

Alvin and Dorothy Kunishi

Ms. Yufuko Kurioka

Ms. Aiko Kurokawa

Mr. Andy Mayeda

Mr. Bradley Menda

Takashi and Kuniko Mizuno

Ms. Maya Murashima

Ms. Haruko Nagaishi

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nakamura

Ed & Lois Oda

Mr. Gary Oda

Mr. Gary Oda

Mr. Dennis Oda

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Ouchida

Mr. Masao Suzuki

Mr. Jay Uchiumi

George and Julie Yamashita

Roy and Alice Wakida

Anonymous

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

donation from Valentine's Day bake sale
donation

donation (BCA sharing)

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

flower arrangement class

in memory of Mary Kurokawa

donation (BCA sharing)

donation (BCA sharing)

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

donation through Kaiser Community Fund

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

in memory of Masami Oda – 7th yr memorial

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in memory of Masami Oda – 7th yr memorial

in memory of Lewis Suzuki

in memory of Sam Uchiumi

donation

in memory of Mary Tagumi Wakida Bushman

in memory of Tho Quang Tran

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE
Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2016

Attendance: Takashi Nikaidoh, Ron Hiraga, Rev. Shibata, Patty Fujiwara, Judy Fujimoto, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Judy Kono, DII Lewis, Emi Nakao, Gary Oda, Karen Sugiyama, Wayne Sugihara, Bradley Menda, Lena Yin.

Proxies: Wayne Sugihara, David Ushijima.

President Takashi Nikaidoh called the meeting to order at 7:35PM with opening gassho led by Rev. Shibata.

JANUARY MINUTES were accepted as amended. MSC J. Fujimoto/J. Kono

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Shibata presented a written report for the period January 12, 2016-February 9, 2016 which included the following Services, Meetings & Other Activities: 1/12 – Joined BBT's Craft Group (BBT) 1/15 – Participated in Go-shoki Ho-onko Service (JSC), 1/17 – Chanting Service/DFS, Movie Day for *Inside Out* (BBT), 1/18 – Home Visitation; Assisted with Collating the Padma (BBT), 1/20 – Computer Training and Shotsuki Hoyo Letter Printing with Denise Lapidus and Kiyoshi Katsumoto (BBT), 1/21 – Bay District Ministers' Association and Bay District Council

Meetings (BCSF) , 1/23 – Co-Officiated Mrs. Mary Ota's Funeral/Memorial Service (BBT) and Interment Service (Sunset View) with Rev. Matsumoto, 1/24 – Chanting Service/DFS (BBT); Attended Bazaar Meeting (BBT); Conducted Mrs. Kimiye Nakao's 49th Day Memorial Service (BBT); Conducted Makuragyo for Mr. Lewis Suzuki (Home), 1/26 – Joined BBT's Craft Group (BBT) , 1/27 – Hospital Visitation; Attended Gagaku Practice (BBT), 1/28 – Assisted with Collating BBT Directory (BBT); Meeting with Dr. Scott Mitchell (IBS) , 1/29 – Attended Interfaith Discussion (BMU), 1/30 – Participated in Flower Arrangement Class (BBT); Conducted Mr. Lewis Suzuki's 7th Day Memorial Service (BBT), 1/31 – Chanting Service/DFS (BBT); Participated in Sangha Singers' Practice (BBT), 2/2 – FAC Meeting for Mr. Lewis Suzuki (BBT), 2/4 – Consultation Meeting with Rev. Matsumoto (BBT); Private Memorial Service Meeting with the Family of Mr. Sam Uchiumi (BBT), 2/6 – Conducted Mrs. Helen Harada's 1st Year Memorial Service (BBT), 2/7 – Chanting Service/DFS (BBT); Japan Trip Informational Meeting with Mieko Ogata, JTB (BBT); Memorials: Mr. Lewis Iwao Suzuki (November 29, 1920-January 24, 2016), Mr. Sam Takenoshin Uchiumi (January 18, 1917-January 27, 2016)

Request to pay registration for Andy Yamashita for YAC retreat last month. MSC J. Kono/R. Hiraga Rev. Shibata would like to attend her cousin's wedding in New York in June 5. She will look into finding someone who can do the service program, ask some temple members to be lay speakers and arrange for a back minister up in case of an emergency.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written income/expense report for 1/1/16 to 1/31/16.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you cards received from Ann Yamoto and the Nakayama family and Norman Hirose. New year's card received from Rev. Matsubayashi. Custodial account report received. Letter from Cherry Blossom committee asking for a raffle prize donation. JCCNC sponsoring a musical play, Nihonmachi- The Place to Be, on March 5 and 6. Films of Remembrance on 2/20 in Japantown. Bay Area Day of Remembrance 2016 will follow in February 21. LGBTQ Post-Marriage Equality panel discussion at San Francisco Buddhist Church on 2/23. Letter from Matthew Hamasaki. Courtesy copy of "Obon" received from Anna Lin.

J-SEI: Crab feed will be held on Sunday, 2/21. All raffle tickets and dinner tickets have been sold. Contact JSEI if interested in attending their Open Houses.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Dharma school teachers will meet on 2/14.

JR. YBA: President Noel McGuire issued a written report for January 2016.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Art Nishimura will provide an updated 2016 service calendar report. 4/24 Rev. Shibata will be speaking in Concord and on 9/25 and 10/23 Rev. Shibata will not be available. The minister's assistants will fill in on these days. Rev. Blayne Higa will speak at Ohigan, and Rev. Patti Usuki will speak on Hoonko.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: A report from Mimi Kagehiro and Pat Takeda showed that we have 259 members from 178 family units for 2015. 96 senior members. 10 new members, 10 passed away, 12 did not renew. Net decrease of 12.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Windows for the old Temple have been ordered. Leaking roof needs to be repaired in the minister's residence. Thank you to Mike Nagamoto for bringing the railings at the Fulton St. apartments up to code.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: The sprinklers are still spraying against the Hondo wall. Still trying to contact the gardener to change to soakers. Kiyoshi will complete this project.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that the Channing Way and Fulton Street apartments are full. Letter dated Jan. 20 sent to Apt 1 tenant John Kauppinen asking him to remove subletter or transfer rental agreement to new tenant. Status pending. Reimbursement for January received. Stairway steps repaired for 23301/2 Fulton and also door to 2330 Fulton. Work completed by Milrand Builder's. Cost will be reflected in February statement

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Completed Events

- Sunday, January 17th Sangha Movie Day featuring *Inside Out*
 - Approximately 25 people in attendance
 - Served nachos, popcorn, and ice cream
 - Will consider showing movies on a quarterly basis

Upcoming Events

- College Welcome Dinner
 - Saturday, February 20th at 4p
 - Expecting attendees from Cal as well as College YBA group
 - Looking to partner with College YBA group to put on similar events in the future
- Alameda County Food Bank
 - Saturday, March 19th from 1p-4p
 - To date 8 individuals have signed up for this event. Have room for 7 more individuals.
- St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County in Oakland
 - Saturday, April 9th at 9a
 - To date 2 individuals have signed up for this event. Have room for 8 more individuals. Duties include working with kitchen staff to help sort and organize incoming food donations and prep food.
- Toiletry Drive benefiting local community organization
 - Ongoing-donation containers placed in the temple foyer to collect travel size toiletries.

Upcoming Events (dates TBD)

- Volunteer opportunity at Project Open Hand's Oakland Grocery Center. Volunteer shifts are M-F from 9:30a-12p and 12p-2p. Maximum of 4 volunteers per shift.

Thank you to Rev. Shibata and Bradley Menda for donating the popcorn machine used at movie night.

TAIKO:

2016 Schedule

- February dates/times: 2/14 and 2/28 from 12:30p to 1:30p

Possible Performances

- Considering learning a taiko song composed by Rev. Matsumoto to play at his appreciation luncheon.
- Would like to hold a mini-recital in May, one Sunday after church.

BBT Dharma School Workshops

- Will be holding rotating weekly taiko workshops for Dharma School classes starting on 2/14.

OTHER REPORTS

MARC UPDATE: Takashi signed the form to insulate the motor on the gate but the job has not been started; he will follow up on this. Ron Kagehiro purchased the motion detector lights for the back of the old temple and Craig Griffin installed them. Back stairwell lights leading the Dharma school needs to be repaired.

SANGHA SINGERS: Emiko reported that the singers are preparing songs to participate in the Choralfest on June 11 in Mountain View. \$20/pp registration fee. SFBC has invited the Sangha Singers to service, coffee social, bento lunch and joint practice on June 5. Possibility of subsidizing registration fee and orei to SFBC discussed.

NEW COPIER: Takashi researched copier/scanners. He found one for ~\$3500. After discussion it was decided that he will look into getting a more substantial machine that can be used to print the Padma.

BAG COMMITTEE DECISION: Maya's Music Therapy Fund.

GENERAL MEETING: Will be held on 2/14. Objectives for the year includes reviewing the 13 committees and their roles and looking to put board documents on Google Drive.

REVEREND MATSUMOTO LUNCHEON: Buffett on April 2 at Mira Vista Country Club. Brought up the possibility of having Dharma School subsidize the children and the BBWA to pay for the senior members. Lena will talk to Stacy Uyeda and Yuki Otake or Caroline Fernandez.

NEW BUSINESS

A Zen Buddhist group would like to use the temple one Sunday night a month- due to insurance problems the request is denied.

Interfaith Panel topic- When the State of the World Make Us Angry How Should the Faith Community Respond?

1/29 Informational Meeting at BMU was attended by Rev. Shibata. Interest in forming an interfaith panel in the east bay was brought up at the meeting.

Possibility of attending the play Valley of the Heart in San Jose. Article will be put in the Padma to see if there is interest in getting a group together to attend.

How long should we keep temple records (minutes, financial reports)? Should we digitize them?

Paul Yonemura is interested in selling his CDs and would like to donate \$5 to the temple for each one sold. Would the temple be interested in supporting this effort? It was suggested that he table after a couple of the major services and to mention it in the Padma.

Lucy Hamai and Emi Nakao. were thanked for the delicious snacks. Next Month: Don Hamasaki. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM with closing gassho led by Rev. Shibata.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Fujiwara, recording secretary

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

Sakura Kai Senior Center Coordinator

Sakura Kai Japanese American Senior Services meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the El Cerrito Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito, CA. The Center provides Japanese culture classes, lunch and socialization. The Coordinator plans, develops and coordinates social and recreational activities. S/he serves as a liaison with other agencies and ensures that programs are being carried out. The Coordinator reports to the Sakura Kai Board of Directors.

Essential duties and responsibilities

- Plans and carries out programs and activities by scheduling instructors, providing an agenda of center activities for the seniors and announcing upcoming events.
- Oversees the opening, set up and closing of the center.
- Gives orientation to new members and greet visitors.
- Plans, implements and accompanies groups on field trips and to special events.
- Coordinates luncheons with volunteer food coordinator.
- Prepares publicity for local senior newsletters and helps prepare annual Sakura Kai newsletter.
- Is responsible for and reports expenditures from petty cash fund each month.
- Acknowledges donations with thank you notes. Arranges for bereavement representation for Sakura Kai.
- Reports on activities to Sakura Kai Board at monthly meeting.
- Prepares Local Independent Charities applications with assistance from the board.
- Maintains Sakura Kai historical files.

Skills, knowledge and abilities desired

- Ability to effectively and clearly communicate with volunteers, seniors and other members of the public. Ability to maintain effective working relationships with volunteers, seniors, and other members of the public.
- Fluency in English and Japanese.
- Familiar with Japanese and Japanese-American culture and customs.
- Knowledge of and ability to work with senior populations.
- Have basic computer skills.

Compensation

The Coordinator is a part time position who works the first and third Saturdays of every month. In addition, s/he is expected to accompany the group on field trips.

\$400 per month

Job Opening

Interested candidates should submit their resume to Kimi Honda or Marjorie Fujioka by April 30, 2016. Mail to Sakura Kai, P.O. Box 1856, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or email to

ecsakurakai@gmail.com

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

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.

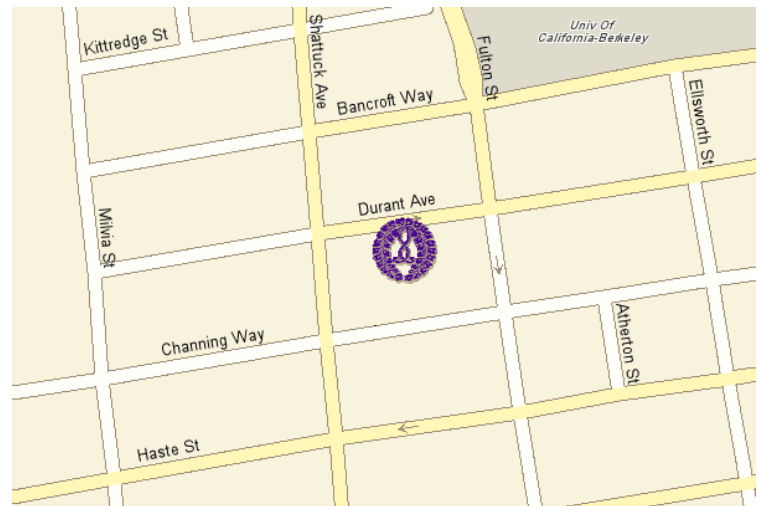
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

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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