



UPAYA

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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Message from Rev. D.

Artful August

The month of August is often a quieter time at many of our temples. The summer festivities of Bazaar, Obon, and the Hatsubon Service have concluded. It is a time to slow down, clear our minds, and look forward to the fall season and the start of a new school year. We clean up and put things away before the next seasonal change. New plans and ideas are brought out to be considered for many of our temple groups to look forward to.

The cycles of busy, clean up, quiet, planning, and restart remind me of similar cycles while I used to work on sculptures and art pieces before I became a minister. After a new piece of art has been created, there is a period of reflection and evaluation. Then there is a cleanup period when the tables are cleared and all the tools are checked and cleaned. Things that may have been left in temporary disarray are put back in their proper places. The clean table could be a reflection of your mind. The empty space of table or mind would be the place for new thoughts, ideas, and creativities to emerge.

I am thinking about days past, of working at creating artwork because we have the Second Annual BCA Virtual Art Exhibit coming up in the fall. Communication and contacts are being made to encourage artists throughout the Buddhist Churches of America to again contribute and be a part of this wonderful project. It is our hope to get even more artwork to be placed on display in this upcoming exhibit. If you have your own artwork or family members and friends who come to mind, please encourage them to participate. Please email me for a link to the art flyer and registration process.

The temple itself could be considered performance art. We are a collaboration of artists working together. As a team of artists, we are provided the opportunity for envisioning, dreaming, and creating the next and the new expressions of Dharma through Sangha activity. The world needs this.

It is a constant in society that ego expression and activities multiply into current turmoil. Imbalance and self-centered projections grow to become suffering both individual and social. There is need for the Dharma and the Nembutsu path for individuals and society to live in harmony and well-being. The Nembutsu serves to guide as it keeps ego in check and harmony in balance. Working together, we can create beautiful and ever-changing art based and grounded in Nembutsu awareness. We strive to include each other and allow a vibrant expression of Sangha to emerge. I just love it!

For now, we clear the tables and empty the mind. We enjoy the quiet break. It took a big effort to get from there to here. It will take another big effort to get from here to there. We all look forward to doing it together. We will see you at the temple.



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Members Welcome to Attend Services “In Person”

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

August

- 7 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo Service
- 14 10:00 Socho Ki (Bishop’s Service)
- 21 No Service - Vacation
- 28 No Service – Vacation

September

- 4 No Service - Holiday Weekend
- 11 10:00 Shotsuki Hoyo Service
- 18 10:00 Fall Ohigan Service
- 25 9:30 Dharma School
10:00 Family Service

While we are not asking for proof of vaccination, we kindly request that visitors to the service be vaccinated.

Masks and social distancing are required and temperatures will be checked upon entering the hondo.

Thank you for your understanding.

ABWA NEWS

I hope you are enjoying the summer!

We will be taking a break in August with no ABWA meeting. We will reconvene on **Monday, Sept. 12 at 7PM** via Zoom. (The first Monday of September is Labor Day.)

Gassho,

Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President



CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian Hideki Maniwa and Asuka Ann Nagase celebrated their marriage with family and friends at Hakone Garden in Saratoga on July 10, 2022.

Hideki is the son of Tets and Joyce Maniwa and grandson of Mrs. Misako Akiyama.

Asuka is from San Francisco and has been a regular volunteer at our obento sales and bazaars for the past few years. Hideki and Asuka met at Techno Buddha at the Jodo Shinshu Center. 💕

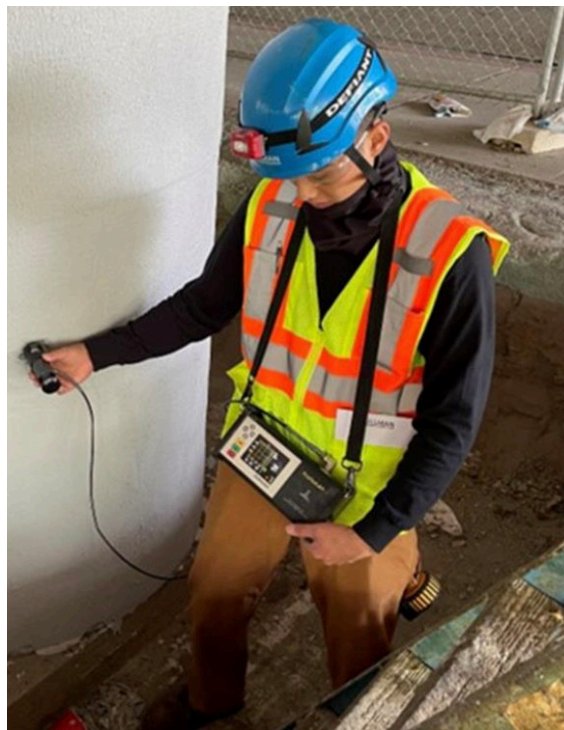
DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy summer! Hope all of you are well. The DS students are enjoying a summer break but will resume in September. Please contact us if you have a friend or family member who'd like to attend.



Gomen nasai – we forgot to mention a college grad – former DS student and teacher – Andrew Taira! Andrew graduated from San Jose State with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is working as a Project Engineer in San Francisco, so we'll still be seeing him around the temple.

Congratulations Andrew and the Taira family!



Gassho,

Yumi Yasuda

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Artists Help Ukraine fundraiser!

Thank you to Joan DiStefano who organized and coordinated a Ukraine fundraiser at the temple. Items were donated by temple members and sold on a sunny Saturday in June. Sales continued the following weekend at our mini-bazaar. We had much community support. In all, we raised \$1500 that went to the World Centric kitchen. Thank you to all the donors and a BIG THANK YOU to Joan for your energy and effort for this cause!

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Dharma School kids and parents help out



Electronica Music



Interactive music/light structure



BON ODORI 2022

Thank you to all who came out for our Bon Odori to watch and to dance this year.

Special thanks to Hanayagi Sensei for teaching us the dances and leading us at our Bon Odori, Jackie Ito-Woo, Mary and Dan Narahara for preparing the refreshments for the dancers, Howard Shintani and Carl Woo for setting up the AV system, Dorothy Okamoto and Colleen Tajiri for dressing some of the dancers, Lou Panzella for working the video camera on Hanayagi Sensei, Dorothy Okamoto for decorating our special floats this year.

Plus Rev. D and all of the Obon Lights and Obon Committee members.



NEW ADDITIONS TO GARDEN CREW VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Thanks to the article in the last Upaya, we want to thank and welcome **Marc and Yumiko Ishida** for volunteering to join the Friday crew. They will work one Friday a month, 8:30 to noon, doing light shrub trimming, weeding, and sweeping. Welcome aboard Yumiko and Marc!

We are still anxiously waiting for one (1) person to join the group, the 1st and 2nd Friday of the month and one (1) person to join the group, the 3rd and 4th Friday of the month; the hours will be from 8:30 until noon. If someone might be available, we would welcome one (1) person to join us every Friday of the month.

Please contact Gary Takeda (510-610-3506), Ken Narahara (510-331-6607), or Mas Takano (510-523-4565) for further details. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

2022 BCO Mini Obon Festival

Saturday, August 6, 2022

Pickup 1 – 3pm / Dining 1 – 4pm / Dancing 4 – 5pm

For 2022, the Buddhist Church of Oakland will be presenting a “modified” Obon Festival. Due to increased Covid activity, we are transitioning to a hybrid Obon. The Obon dancing will be moved from Jackson St. to the parking lot behind the church. While we welcome all to attend the Obon festivities, the number of dancers and spectators will be limited to the available space. An RSVP is requested but not required. We also will be streaming the dancing live on YouTube.

In addition, this year’s Obon Festival will be principally a drive-thru, bento event. Pre-orders please; quantities are limited so please order early. There is a walk-up option to pick-up orders and there will be limited on site dining. (Note: A very limited quantity of food will be available for purchase on the day of Obon on Saturday.)

**Drive-thru pick-up from 1-3 pm; walk into pick-up orders from 1-4 pm.
Obon dancing from 4-5 pm.**

**To RSVP and/or to order an Obento, please go to the
<https://buddhistchurchofoakland.org>.**

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, September 11, 2022
In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the September Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2022 is a special service year as indicated, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

Special Service	Year of Death	Special Service	Year of Death
1 year	2021	17 year	2006
3 year	2020	25 year	1998
7 year	2016	33 year	1990
13 year	2010	50 year	1973

Akinaga, Mr. Osamu 2001
 Bruno, Mrs. Alberta 1996
 Doi, Mr. Akitaka 1995
 Fukayama, Mrs. Akiko 2009
 Hasegawa, Mr. Akira 1991
 Mashimoto, Mr. Ryuzo 1956
 Hatakeda, Mrs. Tomo 1949
Hayame, Ray 2020
 Hori, Mrs. Yoshie 1991
 Imazumi, Mr. Kanae 1988
 Imazumi, Mrs. Rose Toshiko 2019
 Inouye, Mr. Chikara 1943
 Iwaihara, Mr. Katsutarō 1935
 Kataoka, Mr. Hisao 1988
 Kawahara, Mrs. Yukino 2008
 Kobu, Mr. Sensaburo 1963
 Komatsu, Mrs. Kameko 1983
 Kumamoto, Mr. Heihachiro 1953
 Maruyama, Miss Kazuko 1937
 Mayeda, Mrs. Kinu 1968
 McCroskey, Mrs. Asako 2017
 Mikami, Mr. Naoyemon 1961
 Mochizuki, Mr. Kiyoshi 2017
 Moritomo, Infant Itsuko 1929
 Murakawa, Mr. Takao 1998
 Myer, Mr. Richard "Rick" 2019
 Nagai, Infant Francis 1933

Nakano, Mr. Makoto 1995
 Nakano, Mrs. Tsuchino 1949
Nakao, Mrs. Toshiko D. 2006
 Nakao, Mr. Toyokichi 1955
 Nakaso, Mrs. Iku 1983
 Nishikawa, Mrs. Kimiyo 2002
 Noriye, Mrs. Misuye 1960
 Ogawa, Infant Kiyomi 1947
 Omi, Mr. Henry 1996
 Sugitani, Mr. Saburo 1994
 Sugiyama, Infant Shiro 1935
 Tabushi, Mrs. Hinaka 2002
 Tamura, Mr. Rey 2015
 Tajima, Mrs. Nobu 1941
 Takeda, Mr. Risaburo 1963
 Tateyama, Mrs. Misuye 1974
Tsuchiya, Mrs. Mariye 1990
 Tsurumoto, Mrs. Tori 1962
 Tsuyuki, Mr. Kentaro 1951
 Umene, Mr. Torakichi 1946
 Yamada, Mr. Goichi 1940
Yamamoto, Mrs. Emiko 1998
 Yamamoto, Mr. Motonori 2005
 Yamamoto, Mr. Yujiro 1939
 Yamasaki, Mr. Magoichi 1968
 Yamasaki, Mrs. Shina 1965

Thank You - Arigato

Donations Received and Processed

From 6/27/2022 to 7/22/2022

Date	Donor Last Name(s)	Donor First Name(s)	Purpose	Detail	Amount
7/13/22	Nakano	Ronald	Obon		100
7/12/22	Oda	Judy	Obon		100
7/12/22	Shimamoto	Susan and Hiko	Obon		100
7/17/22	Shintani	Howard	Obon		100
7/13/22	Taira	Josephine and Troy	Obon		100
7/17/22	Tsuchiya	Ronald	Obon		100
7/17/22	Akiyama	Misako	Obon		50
7/12/22	Kataoka	Nan	Obon		50
7/6/22	Matsumoto	Michiko	Obon		50
7/17/22	Morikawa-Won and Won	Stacey and James	Obon		50
7/20/22	Narahara	Ken	Obon		50
7/13/22	Okada	Gayle	Obon		50
7/12/22	Takano	Betty	Obon		50
7/20/22	Takano	Mas	Obon		50
7/20/22	Takeshita	Ikuko	Obon		50
7/17/22	Tanaka	Eileen	Obon		50
7/17/22	Yamaoka-Panzella and Panzella	Jacqui and Lou	Obon		50
7/17/22	Yasuda	Yumi	Obon		50
7/17/22	Furuichi	Satoko and Jim	Obon		40
7/24/22	Sato	Jean and Kaz	Obon		35
7/17/22	Hashimoto	Yoko	Obon		30
7/20/22	Iwahashi	Kazuo	Obon		30
7/17/22	Akiyama	Don	Obon		25
7/17/22	Nakahara	Mary and Dan	Obon		25

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Karen Sugiyama**

Southern Alameda County
Buddhist Church
Obon Festival

EVERYONE IS INVITED
FREE ADMISSION

Saturday August 13

Bento Sales: 5:00 pm–6:00 pm

Obon Dance: 7:00 pm

You're invited to the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church's Buddhist Festival of Obon. We will have Obon Dancing, Japanese Music with the San Jose Chidori Band, and Japanese Bento Boxes for sale.

Fun for everyone!

Colorful kimono-clad participants gather for the Obon dance – a memorial day for our departed loved ones, and a day to give thanks to them. With joy and gratitude, we honor and remember our deceased loved ones, whose very existence has made our own lives possible.

Obon Dance Practices (Optional)

7:30 pm on 8/1, 8/3, 8/4, 8/8, 8/9 & 8/11 in the Sangha Hall at SACBC. Dance Practices are OPTIONAL – you need not practice. You can just come & join our Obon Dance. EVERYONE is invited to DANCE!



Obon Service: Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10:00am.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will conduct an in-person and online service for all our departed loved ones. Those who lost their loved ones this past year are especially welcome. We will conduct a special service for them called **Hatsubon** (First Obon Service).



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TOPAZ COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS

UTAH IN-PERSON

Friday, August 26 at 4-6 pm MT
RJ Law Community Center
75 W. Main St., Delta

Saturday, August 27 at 1-3 pm MT
Salt Lake Buddhist Temple
211 W 100 S, Salt Lake City

CALIFORNIA IN-PERSON

Saturday, July 30 at 1-3 pm PST
J-Sei
1285-66th St., Emeryville

Saturday, August 13 at 1-3 pm PST
Konko Church
1909 Bush St., San Francisco

ADDITIONALLY, TWO VIRTUAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD



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Tech and/or Design Savvy Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with:

- **Graphic Design Talents to help with the Upaya Layout & Event Posters**
- **Social Media Experience to help with our YouTube Live Services, Website & Facebook Updates**

If you're interested or know of the perfect person who can help us please contact Jane Naito at janenaito@me.com or 415.378-1100.