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Spring Ohigan

Writing our newsletter articles, I sometimes feel like the "scout" who would ride ahead of the wagon train to look at what would be expected around the next bend or on the other side of the mountain. I ride ahead to take a peek, and then return to the group with my report. Who knows what might be in store for us around the next bend. Will we find robbers and scoundrels lying in wait, or a beautiful meadow with a freshwater creek flowing nearby? Let's find out.

Each March, we look forward to the Spring Ohigan Service. We can anticipate the milder weather and the balance and harmony of the spring equinox. It is usually a great time of year, as we move past the winter months. The darker and shorter days lighten up and stretch themselves. Our bodies and minds respond in similar manner. Our Ohigan Service is one of our major services on the Shin Buddhist calendar. Hopefully, we are not only able to recognize the harmony of nature surrounding us, but also to sense this harmony within. We are each the blooming flowers springing up here and there.

The Meditation Sutra encourages us to settle into a meditative mind, sitting while facing the direction of the setting sun to the west. Even as we drive home each evening, we can each conjure images stored in our mind's library of the sun setting, surrounded by reddened clouds. The sun is almost sizzling into the distance as the light of day is extinguished once again. The west is the symbolic direction of the Pure Land of Amida.

Each day we confront our own list of burdens and hurdles that we need to carry a little bit further or to jump over and clear one more time. One after another, we face our personal concerns and goals for the day and check them off as we get them done. With each checkmark, we breathe with a sigh of relief for being one step closer to being done for the day and complete again ... until a new day brings a new list of more burdens and hurdles for us.

The daily list is an extension of our ego self and all our ties. It is not the list of accomplishments that satisfies, but the sense of wholeness and completion that each pause provides. Gradually we open to a world, beyond relative and arbitrary goals and accomplishments, that is whole and complete. The "list of things" carry our clouds of self concern. The clouds drift and hold our focus, but gradually we come to see the sky behind the clouds. We come to a different way of seeing. Perhaps this can be the direction of our Ohigan meditation.

The Spring Ohigan Service is March 20 on YouTube Live at 10:00. Please join us at 10:00 or later at your convenience.



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Announcement for Sunday Services NEW YouTube Live Services

Beginning February, our Sunday Services are now live on our YouTube Channel: *Buddhist Temple of Alameda*. Our service presentations are continuously evolving, but we are making every effort to have our services easily available and accessible for our temple families and friends.

The services will be available for you to view "live" from 10:00 AM on the Sundays indicated below. A recording of the live service will also be available for you to view later that same day.

Note: Due to the increase in Covid cases, we are still closed to the public.

March

- 6** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
13 NO TEMPLE SERVICE
**Everyone is encouraged to view the
10:00 BCA National Council
Eitaikyo Service**
20 10:00 Ohigan Service
27 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Family Service

April

- 3** 10:00 Shotsuki Service
10 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Hanamatsuri Service
17 10:00 Family Service
24 9:30 Alameda Dharma School
10:00 Family Service

SAVE the DATES
April 7,14,21,28
Thursday Evenings
7PM-8:30PM

BEC SPRING CLASS SERIES
Via ZOOM

TOPIC: SHIN BUDDHISM
Spiritual Practice

Religious and spiritual practices throughout the world have involved Gratitude, Chanting and Singing, Ritual, Pilgrimage and Meditation. In Buddhism, practice is to engage the realm of the infinite. In Shin Buddhism, the realm of the infinite is Amida Buddha.

This class will explore elements of practice in the Shin Buddhist Tradition. We look into personal engagement with the realm of the infinite. [Segments of the book: "Learning the Wisdom of Enlightenment" from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai will be utilized to guide class discussion of daily life interactions.]

For those interested, please email
alamedabec@gmail.com.

Alameda's Japanese American History Day originally scheduled for February 20th has been postponed to **April 3rd** due to our concerns regarding the rise in Covid cases at the beginning of this year.

Hope you can join us and bring your family albums to share.
(see attached flyer for details)

ABWA News

Happy March and the arrival of spring and warmer weather!
Here are a few updates of the upcoming activities that I mentioned last month.

Archiving Seminar:

I hope some of our ABWA and Temple members are interested in joining the Bay District BWL seminar, which Alameda is hosting, "**Archiving Our Past to Present**" on **Saturday, March 26, from 9AM-1PM**. It will be a Zoom event. There will be video presentations and guest speakers who will be able to share their expertise with us and answer our questions. Even if you are not part of an archiving project, it will be interesting to see and learn how to preserve, store and scan images and documents.

If you are interested, please respond to the email that I sent to our ABWA and Temple members **by March 9**. More information, including registration details is included in that email. We hope to see you there!

Clothing Drive:

We will be collecting the clothing donations on **Sat., April 16, Sun., April 17, and Fri., April 22** from **11AM-4PM**. This year, we will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Alameda Point Collaborative, a local non-profit that provides services to the homeless. For more details, please see the flyer in this Upaya.

Next Meeting:

We will continue to have our ABWA meetings via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 7, at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho, Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

Condolences to the Rodney Kwan Family

Rodney was surrounded by his family when he passed Feb. 1 from serious health complications. He is survived by his wife, Janet (Takeda), his children, Michelle, Sandra and Michael, his siblings Susie Lew and Pam Eng. Extended family members include Dianne and Eddie Matsuoka and Gary and Maggie Takeda.

Many may have had their cars repaired at his garage Auto Tech West in Oakland or knew his mother Kazuko (Hideshima) Kwan when she was a temple member or was a likeminded crazy fishing mate. A private family service is being planned.

Notes of condolence can be sent to:

**Janet Kwan
1834 Alameda Ave
Alameda CA 94501**

UPDATE
\$ Clothes for Cash \$
ABWA Fundraiser

**Back by popular demand for a third time!
ABWA members will be collecting donations of**

Clothes: men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Your unwanted, clean soft goods should be in usable condition and placed in boxes or plastic trash bags no larger than 30 gallon size and to 20 lbs.

OR SUITCASES! Yes, it's time to get rid of those old suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags.

Drop off times:

Saturday, APRIL 16, Sunday, APRIL 17, Friday, April 22 - 11AM-4PM.

Drop off location:

Buddhist Temple of Alameda, 2325 Pacific Ave. Alameda, CA 94501
Just drive through and our volunteers will unload your car!

All donations will be delivered to Savers Thrift Store in exchange for cash. A portion of these proceeds will be donated to **Alameda Point Collaborative**. Their mission is working to end homelessness by providing housing and services to create communities where formerly homeless families and individuals can flourish.



For more information: Karen Fong (510) 821-1617 or karenhfong@gmail.com

SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the April 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

Doi, Mr. Raiji 1928
 Fukuoka, Mrs. Nobuko 1992
Futagaki, Mr. Shigeo 1998
Hasegawa, Mrs. Toshiye 2020
 Ikeda, Mrs. Kikuno 1927
 Imura, Miss Sadae 1927
 Ishii, Infant Kiyoshi 1916
 Iwahashi, Mrs. Yukino 1963
 Kaida, Mrs. Alice N. 2013
 Kanzaki, Mrs. Sada 1933
 Kataoka, Mrs. Yumi 1968
 Kawano, Mr. Katsufusa 1957
 Kihara, Mrs. Tsuru 1933
Kimura, Mrs. Ryoko 2010
 Kinoshita, Mrs. Fukuno 1925
 Kitajima, Mr. Tamotsu 1975
 Komatsu, Miss Louise 1993
 Kuge, Mr. Don 1997
 Kuge, Mr. Hatsuzo 1940
 Kusada, Mr. Yaozo 1926
 Machida, Mr. Jurouyemon 1939
 Maniwa, Infant Kevin 1984
 Matsuzaki, Mr. Yokichi 1932
 Mayegoto, Mr. Gohei 1929
 Mitoma, Infant 1919
 Morotomi, Infant Kachiyo 1920
 Nagai, Mr. Tagoro 1931
 Nakamura, Mr. Kohei 1940
 Nakano, Mr. Jumi 1948
 Nakata, Infant 1920
 Nakashima, Miss Kimi 1919
 Nakayama, Mrs. Akiko 1928
 Nakayama, Mr. Minoru 1945
 Nakaso, Ms. Virginia Tomie 2002
 Narahara, Mrs. Tokie 1952
 Nishino, Infant Takashi 1931

Obata, Mr. Tomejiro 1970
 Okabe, Mrs. Mieko 1979
 Okada, Mr. Gary 2007
 Okamoto, Nobuko 2018
 Rice, Mr. Wilbur 1988
 Sakai, Mr. Makitaro 1957
 Sekigahama, Mr. Hiroshi 1953
 Setogawa, Mr. Tsurutaro 1919
 Shigematsu, Mr. Tosaka 1928
 Shimada, Mr. Kumataro 1954
 Shimada, Mr. Taichi 1984
 Soma, Mr. Gendayu 1919
 Sugiyama, Mrs. Shizue 1993
 Suyeyasu, Mr. Susumu 1998
 Taguchi, Miss Hisako 1932
 Takayama, Mrs. Marue 2007
 Takayanagi, Mrs. Shigeko 1997
 Takayanagi, Mr. Tadao 2012
 Takizawa, Mr. Thomas 1950
 Tanaka, Mr. Kumao 1986
 Tsuchiya, Infant Hisashi 1923
 Tsuchiya, Infant Tsukie 1922
 Umene, Yoshiko 2018
 Ushijima, Mrs. Lillie Y 2013
 Wada, Mrs. Komino 1985
 Yamamoto, Mr. Totaro 1971
 Yamamoto, Mr. Yoshisuke 1925
Yamaoka, Mr. Fumio 1990
 Yamaoka, Ms. Hideko 1992
 Yamaoka, Mr. Jim K. 2002
 Yamaoka, Mrs. Kayo 1971
 Yamashita, Mr. Hideo 1971
 Yamasaki, Mr. Satoru 1992
Yanari, Mrs. Betty 2010
 Yonekura, Mr. Rinzo 1965
 Yoshida, Mrs. Toki 2013

2022 Temple Membership Dues Are Due

A new year has begun, and it is time to renew your temple membership for 2022. To those who have already renewed your membership THANK YOU.

Our temple dues are the lowest among the Bay District temples. We have increased our dues since at least \$162 per member goes to the BCA. There is no senior membership category. Dharma School students are included under their parent's (s') membership.

Our membership dues are

- \$175 per individual (\$350 for a couple)
- \$50 for young members (18 yrs. – 30years)
- \$100 New member (first year only).

Please forward your membership dues payable to the *Buddhist Temple of Alameda* along with the membership form. If you are unable to pay your dues at one time, you can pay them in monthly or quarterly installments.

In appreciation for your continued temple membership, paid members will qualify for a **COMPLEMENTARY BENTO LUNCH** which will be distributed at our **2022 Hanamatsuri Celebration on April 10th**. See flyer on the next page.

If you have any questions, please contact
Joyce Maniwa at 510-537-5150 or jmaniwa@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you to the following for sending in your membership dues (1/21-2/18):

Sun Hui Akimoto, Tsunetoshi Akimoto, Yoko Blackburn, Nami Blackburn, Kimberly Kato- Chambliss, Fletcher Chambliss, Nash Chambliss, Mamie Dye, Karen Fong, Andy, Shiozaki, Janet Hashimoto, Takako Heinz, Kiyomi Jean Howard, Marc Ishida, Nancy Kawabata-Poon, Setsuko Kuramoto, Mari Lineberry, Michiko Matsumoto, Dorothy Mizono, Ron Nakano, Dorothy Okamoto, Julie Peters, Sean Peters, Allyson Peters, Connor Peters, Allen Sakamoto, Esther Sakamoto, Kaz Sato, Jean Sato, Hiko Shimamoto, Susan Shimamoto, Don Suyeyasu, Troy Taira, Josephine Taira, Darren Taira, Andrew Taira, Dennis Terao, Ron Tsuchiya, Grant Tsuji, Eri Hatta-Tsuji, Kento Tsuji, Ayumi Tsuji, May Yamaoka and Tamiko Yuen.

2022 Buddhist Temple of Alameda Membership Form

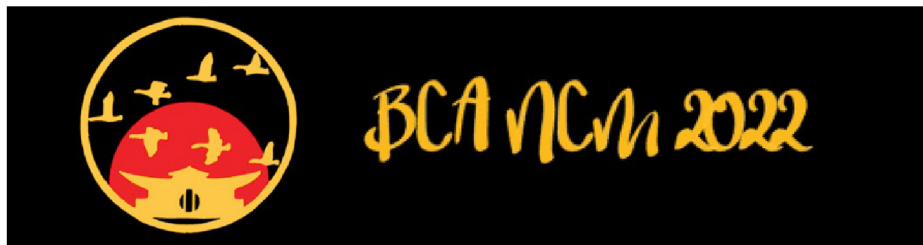
Main Contact Information				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Home Telephone	Cellular
Address (Street, City, Zip code)			Email Address	
Spouse/ Partner Information (ONLY IF MEMBER)				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	
			Email Address	
Children - Under Age 31 Living at Home (ONLY IF MEMBER)				
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Last Name	First Name	Birth Year (YYYY)	Cellular	Email Address
Emergency Contact – Will Remain Confidential				
Name		Phone Number		

Membership Directory	
A membership directory will be created and distributed to all members. If you wish to NOT be included, please check a box below.	
	Check box
Do not list in the membership directory.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ok to list in membership directory, but do not list our cellular numbers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ok to list in membership directory, but do not list our email addresses.	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may list me (and my spouse/partner), but do not list our children's contact information	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Dues	QTY	Fee	TOTAL
Individual Membership		\$175	
New Member 1 st Year		\$100	
Young Adult (18-30 years old)		\$50	
Child (under 18 & parent is member)		FREE	
Child (under 18 & parent not member)		\$25	
Additional Donation			
Note: The majority of the membership dues supports the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA). The Buddhist Temple of Alameda relies on your generous donations to support the resident minister's salary, educational programs, and maintaining facilities.			

Signature	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age information will be used to determine membership categories and keiro status only. Ages, Emergency Contact Information and Contact Information for children under 18 will NOT be published. 	

**Please enclose form and check payable to:
Buddhist Temple of Alameda
2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501**



OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED VIEWERS

Saturday, March 5

10:15 AM PST **Town Hall Meeting**

(Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America)

"Messaging and Membership"

The town hall will focus on how to grow our membership, one of the greatest challenges that faces our BCA, local churches and temples.

1:00 PM PST **Youth Protection Presentation**

(Terri Omori, BCA President Elect)

To Protect Our Youth and Those Who Serve Them

This workshop will include information on how to develop and initiate policies and procedures and information regarding the process to comply with the new California Assembly Bill 506.

2:00 PM PST **BCA Music Committee Presentation**

(Kemi Nakabayashi, Chairman, with supporting members of the BCA Music Committee)

Enhancing Temple Services and Engaging Your Sangha Through Music

This workshop is intended to provide some "how to" ideas and resources for the sanghas, to support temple services and engage all members.

3:00 PM PST **Endowment Foundation/Dharma Forward**

This workshop will cover Campaign goals, messaging, strategy, and tax-advantaged methods for donors to support the Campaign.

4:00 PM PST **Endowment Foundation**

(Koichi Sayano and Steve Terusaki)

This workshop will focus on the value and benefits of investing temple funds with the Endowment Foundation.

Sunday, March 13

10:00 AM PDT (Daylight Savings Time) **Buddhist Churches of America Eitaikyo Service**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, BCA minister emeritus

The above programs are free and open to all. Go to bcancm.org/workshops for more information and to join the events

AN NEW INVITATION!
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

PROJECT PARTNERS: Alameda
Free Library • Buddhist Temple
of Alameda • Buena Vista United
Methodist Church • Densho.org •
Internet Archive

HISTORY DAY

11:30AM TO 2:30PM AT BTOA

The Alameda Japanese American History Project needs your help as we honor the Alameda families were forced to leave their homes during WWII, 80 years ago.

After Sunday service in the social hall there will be old photos and documents to look at from 1898 to the late 1950s era **BTOA and Buena Vista, family photos, Nihonmachi Alameda, sports and WWII items.**



The Temple circa 1930s.... know what's going on here?

You can help us identify who is those photos and learn about the history of the Japanese who lived in your community. **It will be fun, informative, and both churches are invited. Bring your family albums and WWII items if you wish to share them with our project! WWII artwork & woodwork wanted!**

Left:: In 1911, the Japanese Methodists received a grant to build this new classroom and sanctuary.





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