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Message from Rev. D.

BWA & Ladies of the Nembutsu Memorial Service

The second annual **BCA Virtual Art Exhibit** was opened on the 18th of September. I hope many of our members have already been able to enjoy the art pieces submitted for this year's show. We always aim for the **Fall Ohigan Season** to open this exhibit. How nice that the Bay District is so well represented! As we visit, we are able to find the works of favorite artists, surprise acquaintances, family friends and temple connections. As we enter this process of joining in, we share the space with the artists and their artwork. We actualize the **6 Paramitas**.

Automatically and quite naturally, we enter into the practice of the 6 Paramitas. **DANA** (sharing) and **VIRYA** (effort) are reflected in the efforts of the artists creating their works and the visitors coming to

explore the gallery. **SILA** (morality) and **KSANTI** (patience) show themselves in the state of mind of the working artists and their visiting fans. **DHYANA** (concentration) is the proper focus to do and the focus to see. **PRAJNA** (wisdom) is the singleness of this and that or you and I that emerges in the moment shared in Oneness.

This happens every time. This is why this Art Exhibit is so special. The Dharma is experienced rather than pondered ... felt in body rather than considered in mind. It becomes a Dharma practice for self and other, in mutual benefit. I hope people are moved beyond seeing and enjoying the artwork, to sharing the exhibit with friends and others and then thanking the artists for all they have done. This is our Nembutsu practice and path.

Each October we have our **BWA Memorial Service**, when we remember and honor the women of the temple BWA. We particularly honor those we have lost in the past year, but we also remember our mothers, aunts, and friends we may have lost through the years. We remember them as family, friends, and temple members, and recall the times we may have shared as we worked side by side to promote the temple and the teachings. We also take this opportunity to reflect upon the contributions of **Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Ohtani, and Lady Takeko Kujo**. Each of these women may serve as role models as we become aware of the heart and mind of the Nembutsu that guided their life efforts.

When we come to the BWA Memorial Service, or a family memorial service, not only do we reflect on those we have lost, but we reflect upon our own lives as well. **Those we have lost become our guides, our teachers, our bodhisattvas, our Buddhas**. Through the Nembutsu, we connect with them, and we connect with the infinite. The Nembutsu and our shared connections provide stability. Our lives are grounded in our interconnection with those individuals and all else. Although we each endure our own pain and suffering, we continue, and we persevere. Our Dharma friends and the Nembutsu teachings guide us through our life hurdles and difficulties. **The BWA and the Ladies of the Nembutsu Memorial Service will be held on October 9, 2022.** 10:00 AM in Alameda and 2:00 PM at Enmanji. 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.

October		
2	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo Service
9	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	BWA, Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Kujo, Lady Ohtani Memorial Service
16	10:00	Family Service
23	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service Ask Rev. Dennis
30	No Service – 5 th Sunday	
November		
6	10:00	Shotsuki Hoyo Service
13	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service
20	10:00	Hoonko Service
27	9:30	Dharma School
	10:00	Family Service Ask Rev. Dennis

**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.**



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Off and running.... our new DS year...our
schedule for the rest of the year: 9:30 a.m. start
time.

October 9th & 23rd
November 13th & 27th
December 11th

**We'll be having a Halloween party on October
23rd, so get your costumes ready!**

See you soon!
Dharma School Teachers

JAPANESE GOODS SALE Hidden Treasures

Do you have Japanese items at home
that you don't know what to do with?
BTOA will be having a sale/fundraiser
with these types of items to benefit the
temple!

Start thinking about what you might
have in your closets & basement.
Dishes, Trays, Kimonos, Tansu, Artwork

Please bring these types of items to the
temple starting in **December** (not any
sooner – please).

We'll be planning the sale
for the spring.

Thank you!



ABWA NEWS

Happy Autumn! I hope all is well with everyone! With the fall season here, we are looking forward to renewed energy and to gradually returning to the Temple and resuming some of the events that we've missed in the past few years.

Dana Food Drive: Now until Nov. 30, 2022

We are having our annual food drive again this year to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) and the local Alameda Food Bank. Checks may be sent to ABWA c/o the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, or donations may be made by credit card directly to ACCFB. This year we WILL be accepting food donations. Look for crates in place of the barrels we've seen before. As in the past, we will be dividing the funds ABWA receives equally between the ACCFB and the Alameda Food Bank. Please see the flyer for more details. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ABWA Memorial Service: Sun., Oct. 9, 2022

This year we will be having an in-person service honoring Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and our late ABWA members. It can also be viewed on YouTube. We are also very happy to have a "Welcome Back!" luncheon following the service! ABWA members, honorary ABWA Keiro members, Toban helpers as well as new members and guests have been notified. It will be held at Dragon Rouge restaurant in their outdoor dining area. Please RSVP by **Sept. 30**. It will be wonderful to see everyone again after such a long time!

IBS Public Lecture - Dr. Paula Arai: Fri., Oct. 14, 2022

Newly hired and first IBS Eshinni-Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies, Dr. Paula Arai will give a public lecture on Fri., Oct. 14 from 1:00-3:00. It will be part of the FBWA conference, but it is open to the public. You can attend even if you are not attending the conference, but separate registration is required. Register at www.shin-ibs.edu/events/ Please see the flyer.

2023 Bay District WBWC Japan Trip Tour: May 6-19, 2023

There is still time to register for the Bay District Japan tour! The flyer with registration information is in this Upaya. The link to register is: <https://cvent.me/e2r17w>

If you are not joining the tour, but would like to attend the convention, you have to be part of a group. So, even if you have arranged your own flight and accommodations, please notify Rev. Miyaji: Gishin.tmiyajii@gmail.com. You will then be included in the Bay District group.

Next Meeting:

Our next ABWA meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, October 3 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

ASK REV. DENNIS RESUMES – October 23rd

“Ask Rev. Dennis” sessions will resume as part of the in-person service on October 23rd.
We welcome questions to be sent to Rev. Dennis in advance of that service.

revdjoshin@gmail.com

Buddhist Temple of Alameda
Alameda BWA
FALL OHIGAN DANA
September 15, 2022 to November 30, 2022

The Alameda Buddhist Women's Association is sponsoring our annual Fall Ohigan Dana (Giving) for the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) and the Alameda Food Bank from September 15 to November 30, 2022.

Since our Temple is starting to have in-house services, we will have crates (instead of a food barrel) available for donations of non-perishable foods in non-glass containers which include grains, canned meats or fish, canned vegetables or fruits, beans and peanut butter.

Of course, monetary donations by check or virtually are accepted.

If you want to split your dana between the Alameda Food Bank and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, please send a check payable to the "Alameda Buddhist Women's Association" or "Alameda BWA" and write "food banks" on the memo section of your check. Send your contribution to the Alameda BWA at the temple address.

Virtual online contributions to the Alameda County Community Food Bank are made directly on the AACFB website under the title "BTOA Autumn Food Dana"

If you wish to make donation online:

1. Go to <https://www.ACCFB.org>.
2. Under "Give" tab chose "Virtual Food Drive"
3. Under "Find a Drive". scroll or search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana" and select. Or under "Start Shopping", under "Find A Page" search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana"

Thank you in advance for your support.

With palms together in gratitude
Alameda Buddhist Women's Association



DIAL THE DHARMA
800-817-7918

New Messages every Wednesday from Rev. Marvin Harada
Press 1 for English
Press 2 for Japanese
Press 3 for Spanish

**BTOA BEC Presents:
SHIN BUDDHISM
CLASSES**

Practical Compassion

**Classes will be held from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2022**

The October 13 session will have a "virtual social gathering" starting at 6:30pm before class begins and will feature a guest speaker Celeste Sterrett, Chair of BCA's Social Welfare Committee.

This series of classes is free of charge and open to the public. For those interested, please email alamedabec@gmail.com. Registration is required. **Deadline to register is October 3, 2022.**

Hosted by the Alameda Buddhist Education Committee, Buddhist Temple of Alameda For further information contact Rev. Dennis Fujimoto at 916-416-0919 or text, or email at revdjoshin@gmail.com.

**BTOA Annual
General Meeting Notice**

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Time: 11:00 am

*Immediately following
Bodhi Day Service*

*All BTOA members are welcome
to attend the meeting.*

**Zoom Coffee Hour
To Resume**

By Wayne Nakano

Over 2 years ago, BTOA began weekly Zoom Coffee Hours in response to the COVID pandemic. It was a way for members to see and connect with each other since we were unable to meet in person. What Susan and I found to be the most rewarding part of these weekly Zoom meetings was our getting to know more about members who we rarely spoke to before. We hope that others got to know us better as well.

Since in person services have begun, BTOA will not be continuing the Zoom Coffee Hours at 11:00 after service. Susan and I have decided to host Zoom get togethers for interested BTOA members and friends of BTOA.

If you would like to participate in our un-sponsored BTOA Zoom Coffee Hour. We are open to frequency, day of the week and time of day. If you are interested in continuing a form of Coffee Hour, please email me with your suggestion for day, time and frequency. As a starting point, we are considering Sundays starting at 11:30am so that those who attend the in-person service can get home in time to join us. *Note: Coffee drinking is not required. :-)*

If you send me an email, you will probably receive an email reply that says your email has been blocked, but be assured that I have received your email. It just goes to another mailbox which I check frequently.

Wayne Nakano, wnakano@ix.netcom.com

Two IMOP (International Ministerial Orientation Program) Students to Visit BTOA

**We are hosting two IMOP students
at our October 2nd, Shotsuki Service.**

**Please come to welcome, listen
and support these ministerial students.**

BCA Art Exhibit 2022

To visit the BCA Art Exhibit, please go to <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org> the Art Exhibit is listed under **NEWS & MEDIA**.

This year the following with a connection to BTOA are participating: **Joan Di Stefano, Kayoko Fujimoto, Jill Mizono, Jane Naito, Roger Oda, Rev. Eiyu Terao, Susumu Tomine, and Yumi Yasuda**. There are so many amazing submissions from all over of BCA. After you enjoy the exhibit, we hope you will share the link with your friends and family members.

This year's show is dedicated to Rev. Masanori Watanabe. Sensei passed away on November 26, 2021. Sensei enjoyed a deep appreciation for art and shared his own expressions in painted works. We are very honored to include two of his paintings in this year's show. One is an early portrait of himself. It may reveal a likeness of himself before his days as a minister. The second is a portrait of Shinran Shonin. This reflects a deep and personal impression left upon Rev. Watanabe as he endeavored to share the Nembutsu teachings of Master Shinran with all of us. Sensei served the Oxnard Buddhist Temple and the Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara during his tenure with the Buddhist Churches of America.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the coming years. Our very own, Rev. Dennis is the chairperson for this event, if you're interested in joining the show next year, please contact him for more information.

Garden Maintenance Committee Update

The Power of Upaya - Through the Upaya, the Gardening Maintenance Committee has been seeking help from the Sangha from 8:30 to 12:00 noon, every Friday morning. Yumiko and Marc Ishida have stepped up and will be helping the 1st and 2nd Friday of each month, Karen Fong and Andy Shiozaki have responded to help whenever they can, and so far, one of the two has been helping every week. Not only that, but Karen has also been visiting various Starbucks and picking up used coffee grounds, then spreading it around our various plants and shrubs to create a healthy compost! Terrific Karen - thanks! Alan Sakamoto and Bob Muramoto help on Wednesday mornings. It's all a team effort in keeping our temple garden beautiful. Thank you Upaya, thank you temple members for responding!

We can still use some more help, especially some "muscle". Volunteers are needed to assist us in trimming back/top of the trees adjacent to the Pacific Avenue parking lot and clear some of the overgrown Wisteria growing by the building.

As the saying goes, we look forward to hearing from you (again and again).

To volunteer, please call:

Gary Takeda (510) 610-3506
Ken Narahara (510) 331 - 6607
Mas Takano (510) 523 - 4565

Note: Please utilize the Pacific Avenue parking lot whenever possible. Our commitment for having free access to parking (seven days a week), is to maintain the trees and shrubs on the property. The restaurant (The Preachers Daughter) on the corner has access to parking on a space available basis (usually the manager plus one). If we don't use the Pacific Avenue parking lot especially on the weekends, they may assume we don't need the space and park more cars there.

Keirokai 2022

Sunday, September 25th

This year we will honored our Keirokai members at our Fall Ohigan Service on Sunday, September 25th.

Keirokai Members

Archie Uchiyama, Dorothy Mizono, Faith Yamato*, Haruko (Haru) Shintani, Ikuko (Cookie) Takeshita*, Jean Nomura, Kayoko Fujimoto* , Kazue Iwahashi, Mamie Dye* , Mary Ann Hamasaki, Mas Takano* , May Yamaoka* , Misako Akiyama* , Mitzi Yoshimura, Nan Kataoka* , Ray Tsurumoto, Takako Heinz, Tama Koda, Teruko (Terry) Isono, Yasuko Ann Ito, Yoko Hashimoto* , Kiyoshi Naito* , Louise Ota* , Betty Takano* , Carol Takaki and Norman Takaki.

** in attendance*



Thank you to Jean Sato for being the chairperson for the service. Jean has been a member of the Keiro Kai Committee for many years and being chairperson this year was her final act as she is now retiring from the committee. We will miss her. We are looking for new members to the committee. If you are interested in helping us to bring together this event each year, please contact one of the members listed below.

Joyce Maniwa, Jane Naito, Dorothy Okamoto, Lenni Terao-Doerr and Jean Sato
Keirokai Committee

CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION (CBE) PROGRAM NEWS

View CBE videos on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnWr3XIAtiwwVIPWvTMqIPw>

Go to: CBE webpage: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/Xxl7CUA/CBEnewsSignUp>

Upcoming Events:

❖ The CBE Living The Dharma Committee will present, "**Finding the Antidote to Ignorance**", the third of the Three Poisons on Oct 29th. Rev. Blayne Higa will speak on The Jodo Shinshu Antidote to Ignorance, and Chenxing Han's topic is Buddhist Antidotes to Racial Prejudice and Ignorance.

❖ The BCA Youth Retreat or BYR is a program sponsored by the Buddhist Churches of America at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California. This year we are hosting a one-day BYR Fall Event on November 26, 2022. The event is open to all high school and college age participants. It will be a day filled with instruction and fun. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to not only learn more about Buddhism, but to meet new people from around the BCA. Please help share this event with your temple members and direct any questions to:

Koichi Mizushima: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING AT BCA

The BCA Administrative Assistant position is available. The position has been restructured as a hybrid position, providing a flexible schedule of working remotely and in-office (JSC in Berkeley and HQ in San Francisco). Full details are available on the BCA website.

www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org. Click on the "join us" tab at the top of the page and then click on "BCA jobs" for further information.

If you know of someone looking for a job like this, please pass along the information.

Bay District WBWC Japan Trip Tour - May 6-19, 2023

- May 6: Leave SFO to Haneda Airport
- May 7-10: Stay in Tokyo; Visit Tsukiji Hongwanji, see Tsukiji Outer Market, visit other areas like Tokyo Sky Tree.
- May 10-14: Stay in Kyoto; Participate in Joint Celebration at Hongwanji, Attend WBWC Conference, Go to Mt. Hiei
- May 14-15: Stay in Fukuoka; visit the many sites then stay at the famous Hakuuikan onsen. Go on a river cruise and visit a katsuobushi (bonito) factory.
- May 17-18: Go to Kagoshima; Tour of the "Kakure", "Nembutsu" where we visit the various sites where Jodo Shinshu followers worshipped in secret hiding areas in order to evade persecution. Visit Chiran Peace Museum that has an exhibit on kamikaze pilots. We will stay at another hotel known for its onsen hot baths. We will go to a shochu distillery and eat, eat, EAT!
- May 19: Fly Home to SFO

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!

Registration can be done through this link:

<https://cvent.me/e2r17w>

Having Problems? Have Questions?

Please contact

Rev. Miyaji

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SHOTSUKI – HOYO /MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, November 6, 2022
In Person & Living Streaming on YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the October Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2022 is a special service year as indicated below, 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

Akahoshi, Kirk 2019
 Arai, Mr. Hanzo 1960
 Doi, Mrs. Mitsuyo 2003
 Fukuda, Mr. Sakumatsu 1918
 Fukuma, Mr. Senzuchi 1927
 Fujino, Infant Kimiko 1923
 Furuno, Mrs. Fujino 1988
 Handa, Infant Julian 1958
 Hashimoto, Mrs. Kiyo 1974
 Honda, Mr. Yoshitomo 1970
 Hoshi, Mrs. Hatsuko 2000
 Ikezoe, Mr. Tomitaro 1931
 Imazumi, Mrs. Chiyono 1957
 Imazumi, Mr. Kinkichi 1930
 Imazumi, Mrs. Shizuye 1987
 Imura, Mr. Sakunosuke 1949
 Kakimoto, Mr. Yoshio James 2007
 Kamiji, Mr. Yoshio 1963
 Kato, Infant Iwa 1920
 Kitajima, Mr. Kinhei 1923
 Kobashi, Mr. Kisomatsu 1955
 Kodama, Mr. Motokichi 1958
 Kumagai, Mrs. Misao 1942
 Maeda, Mr. Futami 2002
 Mandeville, Mrs. Kazuko 1993
 Matsumoto, Mr. Katsusaburo 1948
 McFarland, Mr. William 2011
 Minami, Mr. Tsunezo 1956
 Miyazaki, Infant Masako 1930

Muramoto, Infant Rei 1924
 Nakamura, Mr. Kiyoto 1938
 Nakano, Mr. Dick Hideaki 2013
 Nakayama, Mr. Kakunojo 1958
 Nakayama, Mrs. Tane 1963
 Narahara, Mrs. Dorothy 2011
 Nishimoto, Mr. Wakanosuke 1923
 Nomiyama, Mrs. Masano 1918
 Ogami, Mrs. Matsu 1921
 Ogi, Mrs. Matsuye 2012
 Otsuka, Mr. Frank 1994
 Ruiz, Al 2017
 Saito, Infant Yayeko 1926
 Sakamoto, Mr. Zenichi 1969
 Sato, Mr. Goro 1991
 Sueyasu, Mr. Torakichi 1950
 Sugimoto, Mistress Midori 1929
 Takagi, Mrs. Ume 1918
 Terao, Rev. Eiyu 1994
 Terazawa, Infant Yukiye 1926
 Tsuchiya, Mr. Kishiro 1936
 Tsuchiya, Mr. Shigeru 1945
 Ushijima, Mr. Seisuke 1937
 Wada, Mr. Frank 1992
 Yamamoto, Mr. Susumu 2000
 Yamamoto, Mr. Yoshinori 2005
Yamaoka, Mrs. Alice 2010
 Yamashita, Mr. Moriji 1949
 Yumikezuri, Mr. Chotaro 1922

INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES PRESENTS
THE 2022 NUMATA LECTURE

RECEIVING AND GIVING: BUDDHIST WOMEN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A public lecture by Dr. Paula K. R. Arai.
Institute of Buddhist Studies
With Respondents Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
and Dr. Vanessa R. Sasson
Moderated by Dr. Nancy G. Lin

OCTOBER 14
1:00PM TO 3:00 PM PACIFIC TIME
HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
ANNUAL FBWA MEETING



Register online for zoom link at <https://www.shin-ibs.edu/events/>



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