



# U P A Y A

Newsletter of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda

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## Message from Rev. D.

### Summer is Coming!!

Following our wet storms, everything is growing profusely. The lawns and the gardens and the trees are beaming after having their fill of water. The days are stretching out, and we need the extra time to keep up with all the work that needs to be done outside. At Shadow's barn, I can envision the coming of the summer heat and the flies that follow. They can be a nuisance to both the horses and the people there. We don't have tails to swish them away. I am reminded of a summer haiku poem by Kobayashi Issa:



やれ打つな はえが手をする 足をする  
**Yare utsuna/ Hae ga te wo suru/ Ashi wo suru**  
**Don't hit it!**  
**The fly rubs the hands**  
**Or rubs the legs.**

Sometimes you swat them away and get on with it, and sometimes you plot and prepare for their demise. But sometimes, they draw you into their world. We have all seen them landing and rubbing their hands together or rubbing their feet together as they plot and prepare for their own next move. At that instant of observing, there is a moment of deep quiet ... however brief.

There are such instances. They often get dismissed and ignored as irrelevant. Perhaps it is possible to hold those moments just a bit longer, to expand them and to recognize and appreciate the point of a quiet and connected NOW. It allows the time for us to catch a breath before the busy-ness of life calls us back to our chores and our duties.

All our neighboring temples are exchanging bazaar posters and trading raffle tickets to support each other in our **Summer Bazaar** efforts. Committee leaders pull out last year's notes to remind themselves how things went. We have improvements and new ideas to try. We lose manpower year by year, but we also become more efficient, and streamline the process in every area.

Family and friends come out to help. Sometimes it seems like a reunion with so many coming out to do their part to help each other and to help the continuation of

the temple. New members come to learn how the temple is supported when they see everyone coming to help. Before the bazaar, people trickle in here and there to help as they have in the past. As the days of the actual event draw closer, more and more people emerge to help get it all done. **SANGHA POWER!!!**

One of the essential bits of education for those new to the temple is to understand the expression, "**MONKU**". This term may be understood as "to complain". Sometimes for emphasis, it is expressed in triplicate, "MONKU, MONKU, MONKU!" Usually this is directed towards someone who complains a lot or often. After a bout of complaining, someone in the gathering will express out loud and to their face, "MONKU, MONKU, MONKU!!" This is to make sure they know that their complaining has been heard. Or, sometimes it is expressed softly and behind their back, with a slight roll of the eyes, "monku, monku, monku!!" only to be heard by the others. This is an acknowledgement, as if to say, "There they go again!" In either case, MONKU is expressed with a smile.

When there are so many of us working hard and in close quarters, it is not uncommon for causes to complain come up. However, we are able to meet these occasions with an understanding smile. Here is when another term comes to mind, "**SHIKATAGANAI**". This term means, "It can't be helped", and is expressed with a slight shrug of the shoulders. Rather than to get pulled into conflict, we are able to say, "Shikataganai", shrug, and get on with the day. We can quickly turn to something else that needs to get done, and do it.

These two terms, "MONKU", and "SHIKATAGANAI", are helpful and perhaps even essential for newbies to endure the preparation, build-up, and the actual event of the bazaar. Not only are we able to navigate close, interpersonal encounters, we also train ourselves in deep meditative response. As with all

things at the temple, as long as we keep in mind the Three Treasures of the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha, we can keep our heart, spirit, and mind in proper perspective. We'll see you at the temple. Gassho,

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## Gotan-E Service & Cake

In celebration of Shinran's birthday, after our Gotan-E service, we had a delicious birthday cake made by one of our members, Maria Piper. It was simply beautiful.

On the sides, she even had "Shinran" in kanji, as well as "otanjobi omedeto" and lotus.



**Thank You  
Maria**

## **ABWA News**

**Annual Home Visits** - Our annual home visits took place on Friday, May 19th. Many thanks to the volunteers who participated: Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, Sharmon Fujimoto, Gayle Okada, Jean Sato, Maria Piper, Dorothy Okamoto, Jackie Ito-Woo, Joyce Maniwa, Misako Akiyama, Susan Hiraki, Wayne Nakano, Amy Tomine, Doug Doerr and Lenni Terao-Doerr. This year the bento was from Musashi in Berkeley. Those we visited were very happy and appreciative, and the volunteers enjoyed the visits as well!

### **Gotan-E**

We served light refreshments after the Gotan-E service with a birthday cake celebrating Shinran Shonin's birthday. Our very talented new member, Maria Piper, baked a beautiful cake decorated with the Jodo Shinshu wisteria! It was quite delicious! Despite the social hall being in the midst of preparations for the upcoming Hidden Treasures sale, everyone enjoyed visiting with one another. They were also happy to get a sneak preview of the many Japanese items that will be for sale!

### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed closer to the meeting date.

Gassho,  
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA President

*NO Zoom  
COFFEE HOUR  
In JUNE*

## **Dharma School News**

Summer is almost here! We've had a wonderful year looking forward to the bazaar and summer vacation.

The Bay District hosted the Federation of Dharma School Teacher's League conference held at Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. There was great camaraderie as it was the first in person conference in a few years. We got to meet a lot of new friends and see old friends. One of the highlights was hearing a talk by Trinidad Hunt, whose grandmother, Dorothy Hunt, wrote the Golden Chain. Here's the link to her inspirational talk:

### **2023 FDSTL Conference History Chat with Trinidad Hunt**

On Mother's Day, the DS students and Dad's help prepare a pancake breakfast featuring "regular" pancakes, ube mochi pancakes, fruit salad and bacon. A good time and delicious meal was had by all who were able to attend.

Our last day of class for this school year will be June 11<sup>th</sup>.

We're always looking for new students! So let us know if you have kids that may be able to join us in the next Dharma School year.

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### **Graduations/Weddings**

If your child or grandchild has a graduation or wedding recently or coming up, please send in the details and a photo to janenaito@me.com for the Upaya.

**Everyone is Welcome to  
Attend Services "In Person"**

*We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.*

**June**

- 4** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
**11** 9:30 Dharma School/Graduation Service  
10:00 Family Service  
  
**18** No Service – Bazaar Prep  
**25** No Service – Bazaar (noon-6pm)

**July**

- 2** 10:00 Shotsuki Service  
**9** 10:00 No Service  
**16** 1:00 Hatsubon & Obon Service - NEW TIME  
**23** 10:00 Family Service & Ask Rev. D  
**30** No Service (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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

**Masks and social distancing is required.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

**BTOA VACATIONLAND CARNIVAL & BAZAAR  
SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> - one day only  
NOON – 6:00 PM**

Chicken & Steak Teriyaki, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Udon,  
Corn, Sushi, Desserts, White Elephant, Games and our RAFFLE

Being the first open to the public event in a long time, it will be a smaller venue than before, but our raffle will remain BIG.

**Grand Prize \$3,000 -- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1,000 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize. \$ 500**

**VOLUNTTERS NEEDED! Sign up with:**

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**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
**MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**Sunday, July 3, 2023**

In Person & Living Streaming on our YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the July Memorial Service for those listed below. If 2023 is a special service year as indicated below, please contact Rev. Joshin Dennis Fujimoto to arrange a special memorial service for your family.

<b>Special Service Year of Death</b>		<b>Special Service Year of Death</b>	
1 year	2022	17 year	2007
3 year	2021	25 year	1999
7 year	2017	33 year	1991
13 year	2011	50 year	1974

Akahashi, Mr. Chuji 2008  
Akinaga, Mrs. Hisae 1985  
Arai, Mr. Shigeki 1997  
Egawa, Infant Shomei 1929  
Endo, Mr. Atsuki 2014  
**Endo, Mrs. Muneko 2007**  
Hamachi, Mrs. Yoneko 1977  
Hamasaki, Mrs. Sai 1964  
**Hasegawa, Mie 2022**  
Hikage, Mr. Jutarō 1976  
Hirata, Mrs. Kiku 2008  
Ikeda, Mr. Koroku 1948  
Ikeda, Miss Masako 1943  
Inouye, Mr. Kanjiro 1955  
Ishikawa, Ms. Shigeko 2001  
Ishiwata, Mr. Ichiro 1926  
Ito, Mrs. Umeno 1922  
Kanemaru, Mrs. Tsugi 1941  
Kanzaki, Mr. Tamitaro 1933  
Kawabata, Mr. Norihiro 2003  
Kayahara, Mrs. Hideko 1995  
**Kitayama, Mrs. Yoko 2007**  
Kondo, Mr. Minoru 1953  
Kumagai, Mrs. Mitsuno 1973  
Manning, Mr. Melvin G. 1976  
Marubayashi, Mr. Hatsutarō 1939  
Marubayashi Lee, Mrs. Ruriko 2005  
Matsumoto, Mr. Kameichi 2002  
**McCue, Mr. John William Lucas 2017**

Mikami, Miss Fusae 1980  
Mikami, Mr. Takuzo 1973  
Misumi, Infant Mitsuko 1926  
Miyake, Mr. Kazuo 1993  
Miyasaki, Mrs. Chii 1934  
**Mizono, Mr. William 2021**  
Morikoshi, Mrs. Hatsu 1993  
Murakami, Mrs. Kikue 2009  
Murakoshi, Ken 2019  
Nakamura, Infant Naritaka 1938  
Nagasugi, Mr. Yaohachi 1963  
Northrup, Mrs. Emiko 2015  
Ogata, Mrs. Kiyō 1998  
Okada, Mrs. Kiyō 2000  
Okafuji, Infant Ikuya 1916  
Okamoto, Mrs. Ichi 1955  
Omi, Infant Kiyoko 1931  
Saito, Mrs. Tsugi 1927  
Sakaki, Mr. Genshiro 1929  
Sakamoto, Mrs. Toki 1975  
Sasaki, Mr. Unosuke 1951  
Sekigahama, Mrs. Shige 1941  
Suico, Hamako Iwanami 2019  
Sugimoto, Mr. Seikichi 1934  
**Sugiyama, Anah 2022**  
**Suyeyasu, Mr. Dennis 2011**  
Takaki, Mrs. Chieko 1993  
Takayama, Mrs. Chimako 2014  
Takeda, Mr. Tadao 1932

## July Shotsuki Hoyo List Cont.

Takizawa, Infant 1933

Tanaka, Mr. Danny G. 2009

Tateyama, Mr. Masaichi 1996

**Tomine, Mr. Chris Shinya 2021**

Towata, Mr. John 2020

Tsuboi, Infant Sadano 1922

Tsuda, Mr. Genjiro 1935

Tsugi, Mr. Otokichi 1950

Tsuji, Mrs. Miyo 1952

Umeki, Infant Seiichi 1924

Ushijima, Mr. Harry 2009

Wakabayashi, Mrs. Katsuno 1919

Yamagami, Mr. Yonekichi 1964

Yamamoto, Mr. Thomas 2001

Yamamoto, Mrs. Toshi 1967

Yamaoka, Miss Hisako 1931

Yamaoka, Miss Matsuyo 1931

Yamaoka, Mr. Sensuke 1931

Yamashita, Mr. Hideo 2008

**Yamashita, Yas 2021**

**Yamasaki, Mrs. Fumiye 1991**

Yonenaka, Infant 1932

Yoshida, Infant Hidemi 1918

Yoshida, Mr. Tokuji 2000

**Yoshiwara, Avery 2021**

### *Food Offerings at Shotsuki Hoyo Services*

*You are once again (like pre-pandemic) welcome to bring food offering for the Buddha at our Shotsuki Hoyo Service.*

*Thank You*

**Look for more information in the coming weeks!**

Buddhist Church of Oakland  
**BCO Bazaar & Food Festival**  
**Saturday, June 17, 2023**  
12 Noon - 6pm  
825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA 94607  
2 blocks from Lake Merritt BART Station

**A Day Filled with Great Food and Family Fun!**

**On-Site Dining Throughout the Day.**  
*(Drive-Thru Option Not Available This Year)*

**Enjoy Our Delicious**

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Teriyaki Short Ribs
- Spam Musubi
- Udon
- Inari Sushi
- Chirashi
- Saba Sushi
- Kuri Manju

**OBWA Gift Shop and Silent Auction**

**Children's Games**

**The Raffle is Returning with a New Look!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers needed on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 for food prep and shifts during Bazaar. Please contact the BCO Office, [officebco@gmail.com](mailto:officebco@gmail.com) or call 510-832-5988.

For more info: call 510-832-5988, [buddhistchurchofoakland.org](http://buddhistchurchofoakland.org)



# 2023 Bazaar

## Food! Games! Fun!

**Eden Township Japanese Community Center and Eden JAACL**  
710 Elgin Street, San Lorenzo 94580

Saturday, June 10th • 1pm - 7pm  
Sunday, June 11th • 11am - 6pm



## Alameda Japanese American History Project

For the past few years, we have been working with the Buena Vista United Methodist Church (BVUMC), Alameda Free Library, Denso, Rhythmix Cultural Works and the Internet Archive to research, document and preserve the history of the Japanese Americans who lived in Alameda through the era of forced removal, incarceration, and post war return. This project was funded by the **National Parks Service's – Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.**

Part of the project involved placing four markers (large signs) up in Alameda. We have one on our temple's fence on Pacific Avenue that informs passerby about our temple's (history and current), the same with BVUMC. The marker at the Alameda Free Library is a historical marker that tells the story about the Japanese American community pre-post war and the marker at the Marketplace on Park Street tells the story of the Japanese American businesses that used to be our Alameda Japantown. We hope that you will take a walk around town and check out these four markers.

Another portion of the project involved gathering photos and memorabilia of Japanese Americans in Alameda. The collection includes Joe Iwataki's military service in WWII including his time at the MIS language school and photos of carved wood panels done by Yasutaro Takano while incarcerated at Amache. Thank you to all our members who contributed their family photos and items for the project. It's a lovely collection of not only our temple activities, but those of JA businesses and the families who lived in Alameda.

The third portion of this project included recorded oral histories. Our members who participated include: Mas Takano, Kiyo (Sato) Masuda, and Kenny Narahara.

You can now view the photos, documents, and oral interviews on the **Denso website (denso.org) under the Alameda Japanese American History Project.**

There is also an exhibit at the **Alameda Free Library** (Stafford Room) until **Saturday, July 15.**

BTOA AJAHP Committee: Jane Naito, Amy Tomine and the late Mas Takano.





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**Saturday  
JULY 15th**

**BTOA  
OBON DORI**

*more info in July Upaya*

