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Message from Rev. D.

2024 BWA & Ladies of the Dharma Memorial Service

ESHINNI and KAKUSHINNI - October brings us our **BWA Memorial Service** when we acknowledge the members we have lost since the service last year. We are able to appreciate them with **Gassho, Nembutsu, and Thank You** for the many ways they helped and guided the ways of the temple, and for being our friends. We also honor **Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani, and Lady Takeko Kujo**. We name them our **Ladies of the Dharma**, for their



very important contributions to our Jodo Shinshu traditions. Each provide example of the life of a Buddhist and our shared Nembutsu path. Of course, it was Eshinni and Kakushinni who were the earliest women of our tradition.

Eshinni, the wife of Shinran Shonin, and Kakushinni, their daughter, each played significant roles in the history of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. In some corners there were those who questioned whether Shinran himself was an actual historical figure until **the Letters of Eshinni** were found in the Hongwanji archives in 1921. These 10 letters were written to her youngest daughter, Kakushinni, who lived in Kyoto with Shinran.

Through these letters we are able to glimpse a personal account of the conditions of the times. Shinran's own process of coming to terms with the Nembutsu teachings is reflected in the letters. The depth of Eshinni's understanding and awareness of the Nembutsu path sheds light upon the relationship between her and Shinran. Just as he taught his followers, he would have shared the teachings with his wife Eshinni as well.

Kakushinni cared for her father until his death. Shinran was cremated the next day, and Kakushinni ordered a tombstone to be placed to mark his grave. This was to become the beginning of the Hongwanji, the mother temple of our Shin Buddhist tradition.

It is mind boggling to think that these letters were found so recently. They were carefully kept in storage and even moved from location to location as the Hongwanji grew and changed and moved through history. Yet somehow, they were hidden through all of this. Amazing, but not that amazing. Look at our own boxes full of stuff that sit on shelves unopened through decades and generations at our own temples and homes. Who knows what valuable treasures we still have hidden in the attic or basement.

CONT. REV. D's MESSAGE

It is common for us to know most of our temple ministers as having wife and family. Those new to our tradition might be surprised to learn that Shinran was the first monk in the Buddhist tradition to openly take a wife. He also broke away from the restriction of eating meat that had been the norm of monastic practice. These changes opened a path in Buddhism that is geared towards the common people. The Nembutsu path is a grass roots movement of Buddhism available to all and not aimed towards the elite of privileged life and to those of royal status. It is everyday Buddhism for everyday people.

It was the common people ... the farmers, fishermen, merchants and peasants who found the Nembutsu path most fitting for them. It was also these same common people who would leave Japan to find a new life for themselves as immigrants. The first Japanese to settle in America were from areas in Japan that were predominantly Shin Buddhist communities. It is part of their legacy to leave the temples and the teachings for us to continue.

This year our **BWA Memorial Service will be October 15, 2023.** Please plan to attend this very special service. **A special Guest Speaker will be joining us** that day. Please check the website or newsletter for details. We will see you at the temple.

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Everyone is Welcome to Attend Services "In Person"

We will continue to live stream on our YouTube Channel.

October

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| 1. | 10:00 | Shotsuki Hoyo
(Monthly Memorial) |
| 8 | 9:30 | Dharma School |
| | 10:00 | Family Service |
| 15 | 10:00 | BWA, Eshinni, Kakushinni,
Lady Kujo, Lady Ohtani
Memorial Service
Guest Speaker: Rev. G
Sakamoto |
| 22 | 9:30 | Dharma School
Halloween Party (after
service) |
| | 10:00 | Family Service & Ask Rev. D
Birthday Sunday |
| 29 | | 5 th Sunday – No Service |

November

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| 5 | 10:00 | Shotsuki Hoyo
(Monthly Memorial) |
| 12 | 9:30 | Dharma School |
| | 10:00 | Family Service |
| 19 | 10:00 | Hoonko Service |
| 26 | 9:30 | Dharma School |
| | 10:00 | Family Service & Ask Rev. D
Birthday Sunday |



On the BCA Website NOW!
Please take a look.
Buddhistchurchesofamerica.org

Birthday Sundays

Starting July, we started celebrating birthdays on Birthday Sundays. Each month on the last service of the month we ask those who have a birthday during the month, to come up by the altar and we sing Happy Birthday to them.

Some made an offering equal to the number of years they have lived. A quarter (25 cents) per year? Learn a lot of coin go into the osaisen box.

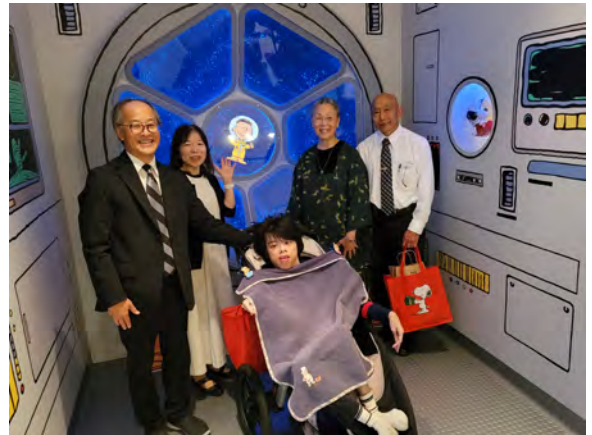


July:
Rev.
Dennis

August:
Jane
Naito,
Joyce
Maniwa
&
Sharman
Fujimoto

Museum Visit

After speaking at our Temple and the Enmanji Buddhist Temple, Rev. Dennis took the Rev. Sasaki and his family to visit the Charles M. Schulz Museum.



**Guest Speaker on
Sunday, Oct. 15th**

**Rev. Gerald
Sakamoto**

Reverend Gerald Sakamoto is a Rinban at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin and has been with San Jose Betsuin since 1986.

Rev. Sakamoto was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. The first temple he served was in Honolulu and then he came to the Bay Area in 1976 to serve at the Oakland Buddhist Church. Ten years later, he began in San Jose.

Please come listen to Rev. Sakamoto speak on Sunday, Oct. 15th.

Keirokai Honorees



In attendance: Yoko Hashimoto, Kayoko Fujimoto, Mamie Dye, Misako Akiyama, May Yamaoka, Betty Takano, Setsuko Kuramoto, Nan Kataoka.

Other: Mary Ann Hamasaki, Takako Heinz, Kazue Iwahashi, Tama Koda, Dorothy Mizono, Jean Nomura, Haru Shintani, Carol & Norman Takaki, Cookie Takeshita, Ray Tsurumoto and Mitzi Yoshimura.

We had a nice Chinese Food luncheon; each honoree received an orchid as a thank you from BTOA and manju with a card made by the Dharma School. After the luncheon we all played BINGO!!



BTOA GENERAL MEETING NOTICE:
Immediately following Bodhi Day Service on
December 10th. All BTOA Members WELCOM

ABWA NEWS

Fall greetings to everyone!

Chocolate Candy-Making Workshop: Saturday, September 16

Our chocolate workshop, presented by Irene Preston, was attended by 12 participants. We learned a lot about the basics of chocolate and were able to taste the difference between the various brands of chocolate bars that we brought. We got hands-on experience by making chocolate candy ourselves and learned how to add our favorite ingredients to them. It was a fun and tasty learning experience for the attendees!

Dana Food Drive: Now through end of November

We are having our annual food drive again 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 NOT be accepting food donations. But, as in the past, we will be dividing the funds ABWA receives equally, between the ACCFB and the Alameda Food Bank. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ABWA Memorial Service: Sunday, October 15

Our annual service honoring Eshinni, Kakushinni, Lady Takeko Kujo, Lady Yoshiko Ohtani and our late ABWA members will take place on Oct. 15. This year we will be having bento from Suruki in the comfort of our own Temple.

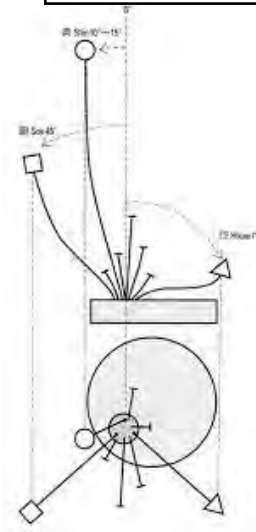
social hall. Please RSVP by **Sun., Oct. 8** to Joyce Maniwa by email: jmaniwa@sbcglobal.net or by phone: **(510) 537-5150** and let her know whether you would like a regular or vegetarian bento. We would appreciate your responses, so we can get an accurate count. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next Meeting:

Our next ABWA meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7PM. The Zoom link with the agenda and reports will be emailed close to the meeting date.

Gassho,
Lenni Terao-Doerr, ABWA
President

Coffee Hour
If you would like to receive
notifications for our Coffee
Hours, please email Wayne at
wnakano@ix.netcom.com.



Ikebana Class – a few spots are open in the 10:00 am and 1:00 pm classes.

3rd Thursday of the month.

All levels
WELCOME.

For more information, contact Jane Suei Naito, Ikebana Now / ikebana_now@icloud.com.

ABWA Chocolate Making Class Taught by Irene Preston



On Saturday, September 16, Irene Preston held an introductory workshop on candy making and working with chocolate. Twelve members attended and had a great time learning about how chocolate grows, chocolate quality, and making our first treats which we served at the Keirokai luncheon. We want to thank Guittard for donating 10 lbs of chocolate and to Irene for kindly teaching us.

Thank you Irene!
Stay tuned for another class.





**Buddhist Temple of Alameda
Alameda BWA
FALL OHIGAN DANA**

**September 17, 2023 to
November 30, 2023**

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 17 to November 30, 2023.

This year we will NOT be collecting non-perishable foods as we have done in the past. Since each dollar donated gives more bulk purchasing power for the food banks to obtain more food, monetary donations by check or virtually are preferred.

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 ACCFB 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". search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana" and select. Or under "Start Shopping", under "Choose Your Recipient", choose tab "Fundraiser" and search for "BTOA Autumn Food Dana"

Thank you in advance for your support.

With palms together in gratitude.

Gassho,
*Alameda Buddhist Women's
Association*

Dharma School News



We're back! Nice to be back together again. Looking forward to more Dharma learning experiences.

We had a guest speaker at our first class, **Ken Narahara**, who related his experiences as a boy/young man growing up in Alameda. If you'd like to share memories of growing up at the temple and what it's meant to you, please let us know. We'd love to host you.

Also, if you know of any families that would like to join and for additional calendar information, please contact me: yumiyasuda50@gmail.com.

Thank you! Yumi and the Dharma School team_



Congratulations!

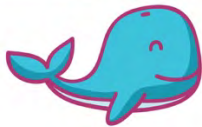
Grandparents:

**Tets and Joyce
Maniwa**



Great Grandma:

Misako Akiyama



Welcome



KAI EMMETT MANIWA

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Love ASUKA & HIDEKI



TEMPLE SECURTY - Unfortunately, we had an incident with intruders a few weeks ago. No one was hurt, nothing was taken, no damage was done to the property. Although we had the Alameda Police Dept. provide us some tips to stay safe, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind folks to keep their eyes and ears open.

If you're at the temple by yourself, or just a few others, please lock the back gate by the kitchen and keep the kitchen and hall doors closed. We will continue to leave the front door unlocked so that deliveries can be made and that genuine visitors can access the temple and Rev. Dennis. Thank you!

SHOTSUKI HOYO
MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE
Sunday, November 5, 2023

In Person & Living Streaming on our YouTube Channel

Family members and friends are invited to the October 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.

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

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, Barbara 2022
 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

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★ Sunday, October 22, 2023 - 3pm & 6pm ★

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**Save The Date: Saturday,
October 21st**

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