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Special Dates to Remember

November 8 Shotsuki Hoyo
 BWA Meeting
 BWA 88th Birthday Celebration

November 15 **Eshinni Memorial**

November 29 Youth Service
 Jr. YBA Pancake Breakfast
 BWA Winter Boutique

(Please see calendar for a complete listing of services, events, and classes)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am: Meditation 9:30 am: Sangha Service	2 7:00 pm: Buddhist Study Class	3	4 7:00-9:00 pm: Taiji 7:00-9:00 pm: Essentials of Buddhism Class	5	6	7
8 9:00 am: Meditation 9:30 am: Sangha Service (Shotsuki Hoyo) BWA Meeting 1:00 pm: Sanbo no tsudoï (Shotsuki Hoyo) BWA 88 th Birthday Celebration!	9 7:00 pm: Buddhist Study Class	10	11 7:00-9:00 pm: Taiji 7:00-9:00 pm: Essentials of Buddhism Class	12 7:00 pm: Board Meeting	13	14
15 10:00 am: Eshinni - Kakushinni Memorial Service	16 7:00 pm: Buddhist Study Class	17	18 7:00-9:00 pm: Taiji 7:00-9:00 pm: Essentials of Buddhism Class	19	20	21
22 9:00 am: Meditation 9:30 am: Sangha Service 1:00 pm: Sanbo no tsudoï	23 7:00 pm: Buddhist Study Class	24 3:00 p.m. at Kokoro: JARF Thanksgiving Program	25 7:00-9:00 pm: Taiji 7:00-9:00 pm: Essentials of Buddhism Class	26	27	28
29 9:00 am: Meditation 9:30 am: Youth Service followed by -Jr. YBA Pancake Bkfst. -BCSF Boutique -San Jose Dharma School Visitation	30 7:00 pm: Buddhist Study Class		7:00-9:00 pm: Taiji 7:00-9:00 pm: Essentials of Buddhism Class			

予定行事

11月 9日 午後 1:00 11月の祥月法要
 11月15日 午前10:00 恵信尼と覚信尼の追悼法要
 11月22日 午後 1:00 三法の集い
 11月24日 午後 3:00 @KAL*
 JARF 感謝祭

*Kokoro Assisted Living

Kobata Sensei's Corner



Whole in One

In response to a last-minute call for volunteers to staff a concession stand at the President's Cup golf tournament at Harding Park golf course in October, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to see the best golfers in the world in person, and signed up for one shift. The general admission tickets were sold out for all four days of the competition. I had given up on the idea of paying to see the tournament, and dealing with the crowds. When I was informed that our Girl Scout troop would benefit by having volunteers sign up in their name I reconsidered, and signed up on-line. Arriving at the volunteer desk, I was amazed at the

logistics involved in the production. I don't know what the final number of the paid spectators was, but it seemed like there were as many people involved as staff and volunteers.

The concession stand that I was assigned to was located near the seventh tee of the tournament. Being in such a central location made it especially convenient for the spectators, so there were customers lined up from the beginning to the end of my shift. In walking around the course after the shift, and checking out other booths, it seemed that there were a lot of people who didn't seem particularly concerned about the down-turns effecting local, state, national, and international economies. I would guess that the amount of business generated during the four days of the President's Cup would make the Japantown Merchants Association pleased if they realized the same profits in four weeks!

Seeing the scale of this operation that essentially surrounded the activity of advancing a 1.68 inch diameter synthetic rubber covered golf ball with the aim of rolling it into a 4.25 inch diameter hole in the ground in as few strikes of the ball as possible was an awesome scenario. To see/experience our life as a Whole in One is to realize a sense of amazement, joy, gratitude for the fact that our finite "i" is One with the whole of infinite life "I", that we affirm in the expression, "Namo (i), Amida (I=immeasurable light/life)-Buddha (awakening).

Kobata



Drawing by Nobumi Silver, 2009

President's Message



On Saturday, September 26, 2009, a Memorial Service for Ms. Brenda Joyce Stowers was held at BCSF. During this service, we said farewell to her in love and gratitude for having enriched our lives. Brenda had been a long-time member and supporter of BCSF. In between her busy professional career in the jewelry department at Saks Fifth Avenue and her extensive travel abroad, she found time to become a valuable and well-loved member of our Sangha. She participated in many different activities in the church, from singing in the church choir, to chairing our Silent Auction fundraiser during the Ginza Bazaar, and most recently serving as a church Board member. In all of these roles, she displayed a genuine and sincere manner that endeared her to us. She was a cultured person, who had a certain elegance that elevated you in her company; at the same time she also was a very sensitive and caring person, who was always interested in knowing how you were doing. Brenda was very down-to-earth, and easy to talk to, and she did not hesitate to share her many gifts with others. She was also a committed Buddhist and Nembutsu follower, who despite her busy work and travel schedule, tried to attend as many services and Dharma talks as she could. At her Memorial Service, I learned that she had received her Buddhist affirmation in 1998; her Buddhist name, "Shaku Kangi" (Buddha of Joy) is most fitting.

As many of us know, Brenda had a special place in her heart for Egypt, which she visited eight times. She was especially moved to do something to help the children in an orphanage that she visited there. This was the genesis of the "beanie baby" donation drive, in which she enlisted our Dharma School and church members. It is in this spirit that the family has asked that donations in Brenda's memory be given to the orphanage. Donations can be either by check or cash; if by check, it should be made out to: *Institut Religieuses Franciscaines*, and should be given to John Bansavich c/o the BCSF office.

We will miss Brenda, but her compassionate spirit will live on in our hearts and minds.

In Gassho,

Jeffery Matsuoka
President, Board of Directors

BCSF Board News

Buddhist Church of San Francisco Board of Directors

Adopted Minutes from the September 10, 2009 Meeting

CLOSED SESSION:

Attendance: Board: John Bansavich, Elaine Donlin, Harumi Kishida, Fritz Kunze, Jeff Matsuoka, Linda Ono, Marcie Sada, Dr. Yoshimitsu Shimazu, Emi Uyehara, and Rev. Kobata
President Jeff Matsuoka called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. and closed it at 7:20 pm. The Board discussed the status of legal and personnel matters.

OPEN SESSION:

Attendance: Board: John Bansavich, Elaine Donlin, Marjorie Fletcher, Julie Hatta,, David Kamita, Harumi Kishida, Fritz Kunze, Jeff Matsuoka, Linda Ono, Teresa Ono, Marcie Sada, Dr. Yoshimitsu Shimazu, Emi Uyehara, Yoshi Yao. Rev. Kobata

Affiliates and Others: Rev. Ronald Kobata,

President Jeff Matsuoka called the open session portion of the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

General Information and Reports:

Approval of 8/13/09 Minutes: MSC –Elaine Donlin/Teresa Ono that the August 13, 2009 minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was passed unimously

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Donlin passed out the financial report along with a summary of all known BCSF accounts and the Ginza Bazaar Summary. She noted that the net income to date for the Ginza Bazaar was \$29,063.25 although this is not a final accounting. She also noted that our electric bill was unusually high and that BCSF needed to track usage of the three meters charged to BCSF in the gym, educational building and church. Jeff Matsuoka has volunteered to be treasurer at the end of Elaine's term this year.

For Discussion and Action:

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation: Emi Uyehara/Teresa Ono

In order to ensure that the Board was able to review and discuss all of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, the Board stopped the agenda at 7:35 to focus on the Bylaws and agreed to return to the agenda at the completion of the discussion. The Board also considered the input of past presidents, along with Kent Matsuda and Tara Mochizuki who submitted their comments in writing.

The Board then reviewed the following articles:

Article I - Principal Office (no objections to revisions)

Article II -Purpose and Use of Assets (no objections to revisions)

Article III-Board of Directors (revised to provide that only duly elected members of the Board can vote.)

Article IV-Authority of the Board (no objections to revisions)

Article V-Indemnification (Emi passed out sample language from BCS, the Coro Center for Civic Leadership, Inc. and Sokoji Temple. Fritz Kunze withdrew his objections to the article.)

Article VI – Meetings of the Board of Directors (formerly Art. XV)

Section 2 (change 24 hours notice to 48 hours notice of special meetings to comport with legal requirements)

Section 5 (2/3ds vote required to enter into commitments, purchases or debts in excess of \$5,000., recommend employment or release of the BCSF Minister, amend the articles of incorporation or the bylaws)

Section 7 (Board meetings may be but are not required to have both a closed and open session)

Section 8 (move language re organizational meeting of the Board to Article X.)

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Article VII- Board Membership (requires attendance at a minimum of 2/3rd of regular Board meetings, requires every Board member to serve as either an officer or on a committee, project or assignment.)

Article VIII – Term of Office (reduces the number on the Board from 24 to 15)

Article IX- Election of Directors (revises nominating committee membership, timeline and process to encourage broader base of Board candidates; requires all candidates for the Board to submit a statement of interest as to why they want to be on the Board, length of membership, membership in affiliates, if any, and what they would like to accomplish on the Board.)

Article X – Board Officers (allows up to two Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers; past president is on the Board as a non-voting member.)

Article XI-Board President (clarifies authority of President.)

Article XII-Vice-President(s) (clarifies authority of the Vice-President(s).)

Article XIII-Secretary(s) (clarifies authority of the Secretary(s).)

Article XIV-Treasurer(s) (clarifies authority of the Treasurer(s).)

Article XV-Duties of the Immediate Past President (removed Auditor as part of Board so that Auditor is independent.)

Article XVI – Executive Committee (minor revisions)

Article XVII – General Membership Meeting (clarifies purpose of general membership meetings.)

Article XVIII-Amendments to Bylaws (no change)

Given the importance of updating the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to facilitate Board discussion, action and governance, the Board agreed to take action on adoption of the amendments at its October Board meeting in order to present the changes to the membership no later than November for immediate implementation.

Minister's Report: Rev. Kobata

- Rev. Keizo Norimoto will assist in helping with Japanese broadcasts for JARF radio Mainichi. An orei will be provided to him at the end of the year.
- Fall Ohigan will be on 9/20/09.
- BCSF general clean up is 9/27/09 – no services that day; Francisco is on vacation need volunteers to help with church in his absence.
- 10/3- Fukuoka Kenjinkai Memorial.
- 10/9-11 FBWA Conference in Sacramento.
- 10/16-18 MAP at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley – \$125. registration fee will be provided by BCSF MSC Yoshi Yao/Sadako Kashiwagi.
- 10/18 -Rev. Kobata will be at the Berkeley Higaishi.
- 10/24 – Kumamoto Kenjinkai Memorial
- 10/25 – Eitaikyo – Rev, Seigen Yamaoka is guest speaker, KAL presentation by Jim Murota.
- 10/29, 11/5. 11/19 – Alameda Buddhist Temple Lecture series.

Buddhist Education Committee Report: Elaine Donlin via report.

President's Report: Jeff Matsuoka

- Checked with our insurance broker and informed that we can raise our coverage to \$500,000 for the Onaijin with only a \$254. Increase in premium. The insurance company defines two groups, church sponsored such as the BWA, Dharma School, and YBA whose activities are covered wherever they occur and affiliates such as Soko Gakuen, Scout, YAO whose activities are covered only if they occur at BCSF. MSC – Teresa Ono/ David Kamita to approve the new contract which passed.
- Board is responsible for chairing special services. John Bansavich agreed to chair the Fall Ohigan, still need chair for Eitaikyo.
- Still need BCSF representative for temple leaders meeting at the JSC October 23-25, 2009 – BCSF will cover registration fee.

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- Will write a letter to sponsors for the Grateful Crane event.
- The chicken bento fundraiser will be on October 18th.
- Jeff will be on vacation during the October Board meeting, David will preside in his place.

Fundraising:

Yoshi Yao and Sadako Kashiwagi informed the Board that BCSF can request to be designated as a recipient for vehicle donation funds. Emi will contact the organization to get more information regarding the program.

Emi mentioned that Macy's offers to provide all proceeds to 501(c)3 private non profits for discount cards, but no interest at this time by the Board.

With no further business, MSC – Teresa Ono/Sadako Kashiwagi that the meeting adjourn at 10:26 pm.

Closing *Gassho* was led by Rev. Kobata.

*Respectfully submitted,
Emi Uyehara, BCSF Secretary*

Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Board of Directors
*Highlights of the **October 8, 2009** Board Meeting*
 ~Emi Uyehara, Board Secretary

The Board adopted without objection the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws after a full year of Board review. The proposed revisions will be available in the BCSF office for your review and include the following significant changes:

- Provide for indemnification of Board members for actions conducted on behalf of BCSF;
- Permit the Board to meet a minimum of 8 times a year;
- Require a supermajority of the Board to incur debt, make major purchases, recommend employment or release of the Minister, or amend the bylaws or articles of incorporation;
- Authorize the Board to meet in closed session to discuss and act on confidential personnel, legal and other matters not appropriate for public disclosure;
- Require Board members to attend at least 2/3rds of Board meetings, serve as an officer or participate in committees, projects or assignments and to make an effort to attend BCSF services on a regular basis;
- Reduce the number of Board members from 24 to 15;
- Require those interested in running for the Board to submit a brief statement as to why s/he wants to be on the Board and the goals s/he intends to accomplish.
- Eliminate the position of auditor from the Board so that the auditor will be someone independent and objective;
- Permit general membership meetings as needed.

The revised Articles of Incorporation are now in conformity with legal requirements; the revised Bylaws provide the Board with clear rules and procedures to assist it in governing BCSF. The Board is required to file the revisions with the Secretary of State after approval by the Sangha after the October 25 general meeting following the service. Please feel free to share your thoughts with Teresa Ono or Emi Uyehara before the general meeting. We look forward to answering your questions and concerns and hope we have your support.

BWA News

Buddhist Church of San Francisco
Buddhist Women's Association
Minutes from the October 4, 2009 Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Misaye Abiko, Yuri Ito, Sadako Kashiwagi, Harumi Kishida, Haruko Nakamoto, Ayako Nishimoto, Nell Noguchi, Linda Ono, Midori Otsuki, Betty Tsugawa, Suzanne Yamada, Yoshi Yao, Tami Yasuhara, Akemi Yoshimoto, Rev. Kobata N=15

Co-President Yoshi Yao called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Rev. Kobata led the opening **Gassho**.

APPROVAL OF 9/13/09 Minutes: In order to save time and paper, members were asked to come to the meeting having read the Minutes in the Geppo. Copies will no longer be printed for the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Suzanne Yamada reported the August ending balance to be \$6,064.99. Under Expenses, check to Y. Yao includes bake sale seed money and \$65.67 for chicken salad. Yoshi thanked Suzanne, Ruth Dixon and Betty Tsugawa for stepping up to fill in for our Treasurer, Mary Toki.

CORRESPONDENCE: A. Nishimoto:

Donation letters written to the BCA 21st Century Campaign and to the American Buddhist Study Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Y. Yao

The October BCSF Board meeting pending, to be held 10/8.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. JCCNC TABEMASHO 9/19 CHICKEN SALAD – Yoshi thanked Ayako Nishimoto for coordinating the salad making and Yuri Ito for feeding the workers. Expenses for salad donated to the event were \$182.20. Thanks to all members and friends who volunteered to help, it was a big task on short notice. As it turned out, some of the salad was served without dressing and unused dressing/jars were discarded. Paul Osaki, Executive Director of JCC, sent a letter of apology and donation to BWA for these mishaps. Thanks again to the following members and Sangha friends for helping and bringing food:

Akiko Arikawa, Elaine Donlin, Yuri Ito, Fusako Kamita, Sadako Kashiwagi, Trina Kobata, Haruko Nakamoto, Ayako Nishimoto, Mickie Ochi, Midori Otsuki, Takaye Sako, Janis Sera, Lori Suzuki, Noriko Takikawa, Betty Tsugawa, Sumi Tsujimoto, Helen Utsumi, Pam Uyeda, Suzanne Yamada, Kiyoko Yamasaki, Tami Yasuhara

B. OHIGAN SERVICE – Thanks to Mickie, Tami, Yuri, Betty, and Trina Kobata for helping Dharma School teachers Chiz Kakiuchi and Marcie Sada to make ohagi. Assistance from other DS parents and students was missed this year. The making and serving of Ohagi for Ohigan started up again because the Dharma School wished to continue the tradition after the BWA decided they could no longer make it. If the tradition is to continue, there needs to be better communication regarding signups for help in the kitchen.

C. WORLD FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS

1. The Resolution submitted by the Bay District to petition the BCA National Board and BCA National Council to provide the CBE with a permanent funding stream was approved by acclamation and will be presented to the BCA National Board in December 2009 and the BCA National Council meeting in February 2010. consider a new source of funding for the Center for Buddhist Education (CBE). The BCSF BWA Chapter unanimously supported this resolution.

2. The Eastern District is requesting \$15,000 for costs of promotion and distribution of Monshu Ohtani's Book, Buddha's Wish for the World by the American Buddhist Study Center. On further review by the Past President of FBWA after conferring with the current Treasurer, it was determined that since both Federation General Fund and Special Funds have balances under

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\$30,000.00, a withdrawal of \$15,000 (approximately 50%) would be an unreasonable amount; therefore, it is their feeling that a withdrawal of 10-15% of the Special Fund with a maximum of \$5,000 would be acceptable. This was approved by acclamation.

D. CHURCH CLEAN UP – The pantry, hallway, and storeroom were cleaned up. Thanks to all members who helped and to Yuri for fixing lunch. It was noted that there are a lot of paper supplies. Cans of Crisco and tomato sauce were discarded. A very nice blue apron with sashiko detailing was found, please claim before the Fall Boutique.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BCA FEDERATION OF BWA CONFERENCE OCT 9-11** - A. Yoshimoto commented to be early to the AmTrak Station as it takes time to purchase a ticket. 11-members will be attending from BCSF.
- B. WORLD FEDERATION CONFERENCE IN KYOTO MAY 2011** – pending JTB sample packages.
- C. HOPPO FUKUOKA EXCHANGE AND FAREWELL DINNER** – Ayako showed the omiyage including SF bag, tenugui cap made by Yuri Ito, Ghirardelli Chocolate, Nihonmachi the Place to Be CD donated by Sadako Kashiwayi, SF magnets in origami boxes made by Nell and Haruko's granddaughters, and SF postcards. A second driver is still needed for Tuesday. BCSF BWA will pick up the visitors at 1:00 after lunch at JASEB. They will attend a short service and tour of the stupa by Rev. Kobata. Yuri offered to serve tea and refreshments. They will ride the cable car from Bay/Taylor. Dinner will be at LaScala or Takara. Yoshi reported that up to 80 people are expected for dinner as the count was already up to 72. Harumi Kishida showed the booklet with history and photos of the exchange program that will be printed for the dinner. Nell Noguchi will be working on table decorations. Akemi Yoshimoto and Yuki Oka will sing and Misaye Abiko will lead the Sing-Along. Drivers will be reimbursed for parking costs.
- D. CHICKEN BENTO** – 470 Bento Tickets have been distributed by Ayako. Tickets are still available in the office. Tami Yasuhara noted that Tara Mochizuki suggested that we sell Tare, price and size to be determined.
- E. NOVEMBER SANGHA SERVICES** - Elaine Donlin and Akemi Yoshimoto will co-chair the Eshinni Service on 11/15. Chair for the 4th Sunday service will be adjusted.
- F. YEAR END POTLUCK** – December 5th at 12:00 was agreed upon as a tentative date.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) **Membership** – A new address was noted for Junko Ono.
- 2) **Welfare** - Get well cards were sent to Mrs. Sekino and Louise Koike.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Yuri Ito acknowledged the help of Chip Nakamura for installing shelves in the downstairs kitchen for the microwave.
- Thanks to Ibuki Lee for the delicious chocolates and to Harumi Kishida for omiyage from her Mediterranean Cruise.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Next meeting Sunday, November 8, 2009. Closing **Gassho** by Rev. Kobata.

Respectfully submitted, *L. Ono*

BWA TOBAN

November 2009

Yaeko Noda
Yuki Oka
Susan Sakuma-Lim
Ruth Dixon

December 2009

Linda Ono
Fusako Kamita
Haruko Nakamoto
Nel Noguchi
Aileen Yamate

BWA News (continued)

41st BCA Federation of BWA Conference ~Sadako Kashiwagi, co-president BCSF-BWA

This year's BCA FBWA Conference took place in Sacramento on October 9-11. A total of 450 women attended, including four women from Fukuoka, Japan who were guests of the Bay District BWA as participants of the Hoppo-Fukuoka Exchange Program. Two of them accompanied us on our bus tour on Friday afternoon to Coloma, where Okei-san is buried. In 1869, Okei-san and her group of fifteen others - the Wakamatsu Colonists - came to establish a tea and silk colony. They prospered the first year, but failed the second year. At one point, there were about thirty five immigrants, but they all returned to Japan, except for Okei-san who remained; she later died of valley fever. Her grave is at the top of a hill. It seems she would often go there, sit and face Japan and sing children's songs. There are some remnants of the failed colony, such as a few mulberry trees, a huge Keyaki (tree) and the house in which they lived. There is a group called *People to People International* that want to upgrade the grave site and restore the house and try to make it a part of a State Park or National Park system. The Wakamatsu Colony is significant because they were the first Japanese to come to the United States after Admiral Perry opened Japan to the West. The site of the colony is near the Gold Rush Museum and Park. At the grave site, Rev. Tesshi Aoyama of Placer Buddhist Church and Rinban Hiroshi Abiko of the Los Angeles Betsuin conducted a memorial service and we did oshoko.

On Friday evening, after a welcome dinner for the Hoppo-Fukuoka ladies that was sponsored by the Bay District BWL, we attended a delegates meeting where we voted on two resolutions. One that was submitted by the Bay District, sought to create a reliable revenue stream for the CBE. Although it passed, we later heard from the president of the BCA, Billy Sakai, who told us of the real possibility of increasing membership fees to raise the funds. The second resolution which was submitted by the Easter District was to assess the BCA FBWA \$15,000 to help defray the cost of promoting and distributing the Gomonshu's book, *The Buddha's Wish for the World*. This resolution failed to pass by a vote of 52 to 39. An amendment to reduce the amount to \$5,000 also failed.

After the opening service on Saturday morning, we were divided into two groups - one for the English speaking keynote speaker and the other for the Japanese speaking keynote speaker. We listened to Rev. Diane Jishin Johnson Van Parijs, currently residing in Portland, Oregon, who spoke to us about how and why she became a Buddhist. I was told that Rev. Shinri Mariko Nishiyama of Lahaina Hongwanji Mission who gave the keynote speech in Japanese was very dynamic as well. Both speakers also spoke at the closing service on Sunday morning.

After the luncheon on Saturday, we attended workshops of our choice. I attended the workshop on memorial services conducted by Rinban Bob Oshita of Sacramento Betsuin. He clarified for us the purpose and importance of these services which, he said, provide a compassionate and safe place to grieve, to heal and ultimately to "let go". We should not say, "Okay, now that (the funeral) is over, let's get on with our lives." It's not as dispassionate and clear cut as that, according to Oshita Sensei.

The second workshop I attended was by Rev. Molly Kimura, who discussed Japanese culture and its many links to Buddhism, such as the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, music and dance. She is in the process of training her disciples to continue the various arts.

Before the banquet, a large group of us participated in Obon dancing taught and led by Donna Inouye Wong. We refreshed our memories of Tokyo Ondo. During the banquet, the new officers were introduced and it was announced that the next conference will be sponsored by the Coast District and will take place in San Jose in 2012. The after-dinner entertainment consisted of karaoke with harmonica accompaniment, hula dancing, and a humorous and thought-provoking stand-up comedy act.

The new officers were installed during the closing service on Sunday, after which the general meeting was held. Afterwards, we dispersed and left for home. We all felt that the conference was very well-organized and that the venue was excellent in accommodating the various activities. Ten representatives from BCSF attended, some of them traveling to and from Sacramento by train.

BWA News (continued)

Hopppo-Fukuoka Exchange Program - October 2009 Visit ~Harumi Kishida

On October 8, 2009 Yasuko Fukuda and I drove to the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to greet four ladies from the Hopppo-Fukuoka districts in Kyushu, Japan. Since the charter signing in May 1986, the Hopppo-Fukuoka Exchange Program has provided for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist women from the Hopppo-Fukuoka districts to travel to the U.S. every two years and for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist women from the SF Bay District to travel to Japan every two years thereafter. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness of Buddhist women from the three districts of the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism; promote the activities of Buddhist women throughout the world; contribute to the propagation of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist teachings; and to enhance goodwill and friendship. The four participants this year were: Michiko Kakinoki and Sumiko Maruo of the Hopppo District, and Yoshiko Kouda and Chigusa Yoshiura of the Fukuoka District. All four women are presidents of their respective Buddhist Women's Leagues. Other Bay District representatives were also at SFO to welcome the ladies, and SMBT presented the ladies with



beautiful flowers. As part of their itinerary, the ladies attended the FBWA conference in Sacramento, CA. The conference was informative, interesting, and fun.

The weatherman predicted torrential rains in the SF Bay Area on Wednesday, October 13. *Oh no!!!!* That was the day that the BCSF-BWA was scheduled to pick up the

four ladies from JSC in Berkeley to show them around beautiful SF. Sure enough, it was raining cats and dogs on Tuesday when Rev. Kobata and I picked up the ladies at JSC.

We drove to BCSF where Rev. Kobata led a short service and stupa tour. The ladies later enjoyed Janet Arakawa's famous dried apricots, Yuri Ito's famous chiffon cake, and Nell Noguchi's famous green tea *mochi*. We were planning to thrill the ladies with a cable car ride to Union Square, but *shikataganai*. We had to implement Plan B: window shopping at Westfield Center. We showed the ladies the curving escalators at Nordstrom's and the housewares department at Bloomingdale's. We then went to Bristol Farms and showed them what was available in local markets. Then off to Scala's Bistro in Union Square where the ladies enjoyed steak dinners and Budweiser beer.

On Thursday, October 15, Yukiko Oka and I picked up the ladies at the SF Ferry Building. Enmanji and Marin BT's had entertained the ladies on Wednesday. The H-F ladies enjoyed sandwiches and fruit for lunch while BCSF-BWA ladies enjoyed lunches purchased from Delica, a Japanese deli. We managed to squeeze in a cable car ride after all--from the turnaround at Market and Drumm Streets. We picked up the ladies on Van Ness Avenue, and then off we went to the Vista Point of the Golden Gate Bridge, where they took photos and bought souvenirs.



Thursday culminated in a lovely Farewell dinner at McCormick & Kuleto's Seafood Restaurant. Eighty-four people from the Bay District attended the dinner. Akemi Yoshimoto was our delightful emcee and the program included Monpo by Rev. Ron Kobata, remarks from the four ladies, as well as entertainment, and a sing-along. After the dinner, Rev. Kobata drove the ladies to curvy Lombard Street and the Coit Tower, followed by a nightcap at the top of the Mark.

On Friday morning, Hiroshi Kashiwagi and I drove the ladies to SFO where we met other Bay District representatives to send off our guests back to Japan. We look forward to seeing them in Kyoto at Shinran Shonin's 750th Memorial in 2011.



Temple News

October Chicken Bento Fundraiser

Dear Chicken Bento Volunteers:

Thank you all very much for making the October Chicken Bento sale a success! This event would not have been possible without your participation. Special thanks from the Chicken Bento Committee to Yuri Ito, Eiko Aoki, Tami Yasuhara, Betty Tsugawa, Linda and Teresa Ono for their additional time and leadership.

In gassho,

John Bansavich

Chicken Bento Chair

Buddhist Educational Committee (BEC)

~Elaine Donlin

Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial Service - Sunday Nov. 15, 2009 at 10 a.m.



Very little was known about Eshin-ni, the woman that Shinran Shonin married. However, in 1921, ten letters written by Eshin-ni, dated in the 13th Century, were discovered in the archives of the Hongwanji in Kyoto. These letters became historically important in providing evidence of the life experiences of Shinran, Eshin-ni and their daughter, Kakushin-ni.

Kakushin-ni, the youngest of their 6 children, was her father's caregiver in his final years. After Shinran's passing, Kakushin-ni built a Memorial Hall for his remains and established the means for ensuring the Hall would belong to Shinran's followers for future generations. This was the birth of the Hongwanji (as we know it today).

Please join the BCSF BWA in remembering these remarkable women on Sunday Nov. 15, 2009.

Sanbo No Tsudoi

Our two Japanese language services for November will be held on November 8th (Shotsuki Hoyo) and November 22nd (Sanbo No Tsudoi). Both services begin at 1 pm.

MAPQUEST

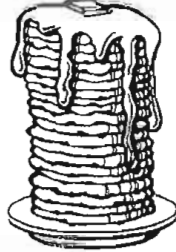
On Oct. 15-18, BCSF Minister's Assistants: Leo Balambao, David Pating, Matthew Stimson and Elaine Donlin attended a 4 day CBE (Center for Buddhist Education) MAP Training at the Jodo ShinShu Center in Berkeley. The CBE is the educational arm of the JSS Center and provides wonderfully interesting and relevant continuing education to Ministers, Minister Assistants, Dharma School Teachers, and the Sangha at large. Leo, David, Matt and Elaine extend their gratitude and thanks to the BCSF Board and its members for their ongoing support of the Minister's Assistant Program (MAP).

Temple News (continued)

Jr. YBA Pancake Breakfast!

You are invited to the

Buddhist Church of San Francisco Jr. YBA Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Faire



**Sunday, November 29, 2009
11 am (Doors open 10:45 am)
BCSF Gym - 1881 Pine Street, SF (enter at Octavia St.)**

Tickets available from Jr. YBA members:

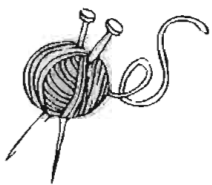
\$6 each \$20 Family (4 tickets)

For information on Will Call tickets, please call BCSF Office: (415) 776-3158

Menu: *Pancakes *Sausage *Eggs *Persimmon Compote *Coffee/Juice

Raffle Drawing! Holiday Faire with items by BWA, Dharma School, YAO & more!

BCSF Winter Boutique



BCSF Boutique will be selling handcrafted and other various items on November 29, 2009. As in previous years, the event will take place on the scheduled date of the Jr. YBA Pancake breakfast. (See announcement above).

So plan to come down to the gym and see what is on sale. You just might find what you have always been looking for!

Volunteers Needed!!!

BCSF is looking for volunteers to take turns picking up the **flowers** for the arrangements in our temple's *Naijin* and *Nokotsudo*. Flowers are picked up every Thursday or Friday morning from the San Francisco Flower Mart and dropped off at the church in time for Friday flower arranging.

We hope to establish a rotation of volunteers, so that each person picks up flowers only once every 4 or 6 weeks, depending on the response we get.

If you think you can help, please contact the office at 415-776-3158. **Thank you!**



Temple News (continued)

Congratulations!

The Buddhist Church of San Francisco extends warm congratulations to:

Kevin Hideo Kuramoto of Honolulu &
Shelly Ann Su of San Francisco

who were married at our church on October 17, 2009.

May they enjoy many happy years together!

Come to Taijii!

Every **Wednesday** a Taiji class takes place at **BCSF, in Room 102 of the educational building, from 7 to 9 pm**. The class is free of charge and has recently begun to attract new students. As instructor Lawrence Kwock says, "*in our hectic lifestyles, it just makes more sense to slow down and discover ourselves.*" Class attendees "have lot's of fun learning about Wuji Chi Gong, balancing, stress reduction techniques, improving posture, developing flexibility, learning martial arts and cultivating chi energy".

Interested people can call Lawrence Kwock at 415-378-5431 for more information.

Acknowledgments for September

The Buddhist Church of San Francisco thanks our members and friends for your thoughtful and generous donations during the month of September. This list covers those contributions recorded as of September 30, 2009. If there are any errors please contact the church office at (415) 776-3158.

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 Yasumoto, John & Chitose

Poetry

~Jerry Bolick

The following poems were written recently by Sangha member Jerry Bolick during a haiku retreat at the Jikoji Zen Retreat Center in Los Gatos.

Hillside grasses wave
 to winds shushing the pines.
 The sun wants quiet.

Crows call from nowhere.
 The woman stands in silence,
 hearing haiku.

Going nowhere, doing nothing
 way seeking mind
 never tires.

Along the Shady trail
 sun splashes browned leaves
 to gold.

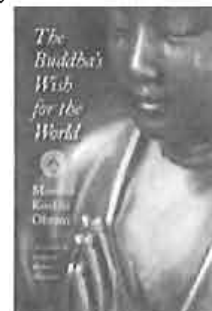
Manure on the trail
 but no flies in this shade
 bay leaves scent my fingers



Monshu's New Book

Copies of the Monshu's book, ***The Buddha's Wish for the World*** are still available for purchase at the BCSF office. The cost of the book is \$15.00.

Stop by and pick up a copy!



Since shinjin arises from the Vow, we attain Buddhahood through the Nembutsu by the [Vow's] spontaneous working.

(Hymns of the Pure Land Masters)

Shinran Shonin, at the age of eighty-six, wrote on the Buddhist term *jinen* 自然, which can be translated as spontaneous working, naturalness, and suchness, in *On Jinen Honi*. In reading it, you can sense the connection that Shinran felt for Master Shan-tao deep in his heart that transcended time since they were from different eras.

Ji 自, means “of itself” —not through the practitioner’s calculation. It signifies being made so. *Nen* 然, means “to be made so” —it is not through the practitioner’s calculation; it is through the working of the Tathagata’s Vow.

Being saved does not come about through one’s own calculation. It is through the working of the Primal Vow itself that birth in the Pure Land and the attainment of Buddhahood are brought about, and this spontaneous working was made to be so because of the Vow that was made by the Tathagata. Likewise, this can be understood as the naturalness and spontaneous working of the power of the Vow and also the law of the Primal Vow.

In coming across this term *jinen*, it is hardly surprising that most modern-day Japanese will read it as *shizen* (nature) instead of *jinen*, which can cause some confusion. This change in reading is likely to have occurred during the Meiji Restoration through the influence of western culture, and so I wonder how many people are able to read it correctly. There are many who raise issues such as “nature-friendly” and “protecting nature” in regard to environmental problems, and if we view *jinen* as being concerned solely with things in nature, such as mountains, rivers, plains, and forests, and make their conquest as “good acts,” then is that not merely the arrogance of self-centered, modern civilization?

However, by reading this term correctly as *jinen* and understanding its meaning as Shinran has written, one is able to realize the deeply-related actions and darkness that are related to the wrong views and arrogance that we humans possess. We ought to come to the realization that our lives and all life are one and the same and should be so.

(Excerpt from the Hongwanji Shuppansha publication *Tsukizuki no kotoba* 月々のことば. Translation by Gene Sekiya.)

信は願より生ずれば 念仏成仏自然なり

(「高僧和讃」)

「自然」のお言葉は、親鸞聖人が八十六歳の頃、「自然法爾章」に書きお遺しにもなられ、善導大師と親鸞聖人との、時代を超えた心の交流の深さを偲ばせていただくことができます。

「自然」といふは、「自」はおのづからといふ、行者のはからひにあらず。「然」といふは、しからしむといふことばなり。しからしむといふは、行者のはからひにあらず、如来のちかひにてあるがゆゑに法爾といふ。

(『註釈版聖典』768頁)

「救済は人間のはからいによって成立することではなく」、「本願力の自ずからなるはからいによって往生成仏せしめられることを自然といわれ、如来のお誓いとしてそのようにあらしめられることを法爾」と言われたのです。従って、願力自然と言われ、また、本願の法則と理解されることが出来ます。

今、この自然という言葉にふれるとき、私たちは今日的な自然という読み方をするのが当たり前となっていますが、ここに来て大きな疑問に直面するのは、明治の維新以降、西洋文化の影響によってからであります。今、自然と読む人ははたしてどれくらいいるのでしょうか。「自然にやさしく」、「自然保護」等、環境問題のなかで叫ばれている、この「自然観」は、山川草木を対象としてとらえ、その征服を善とする、現代文明中心の驕りがもたらしたのではないのでしょうか。

人間の抱えている邪見驕慢の、深い業、闇を、自然の読み換え、親鸞聖人のお言葉を通して知ることができます。私たちのいのちも、また一切のいのちも、おのづとしからしめられたいのちであることを。

(『月々のことば』本願寺出版社刊より)



Shotsuki Hoyo

The memorial service for your loved ones who passed away in November will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2009. You are most welcome to attend.

Fusako Abe	Mary Ayako Kawakami	Monkichi Natsume	Tom Tsutomu Sekino
Toshio Abe	Robert Takumi Kiyota	Shozaburo Nakatani	Minoru Shimizu
Usaburo Akashi	Buhei Kobayashi	Kumejiro Narukami	Yoshisaburo Shiimizu
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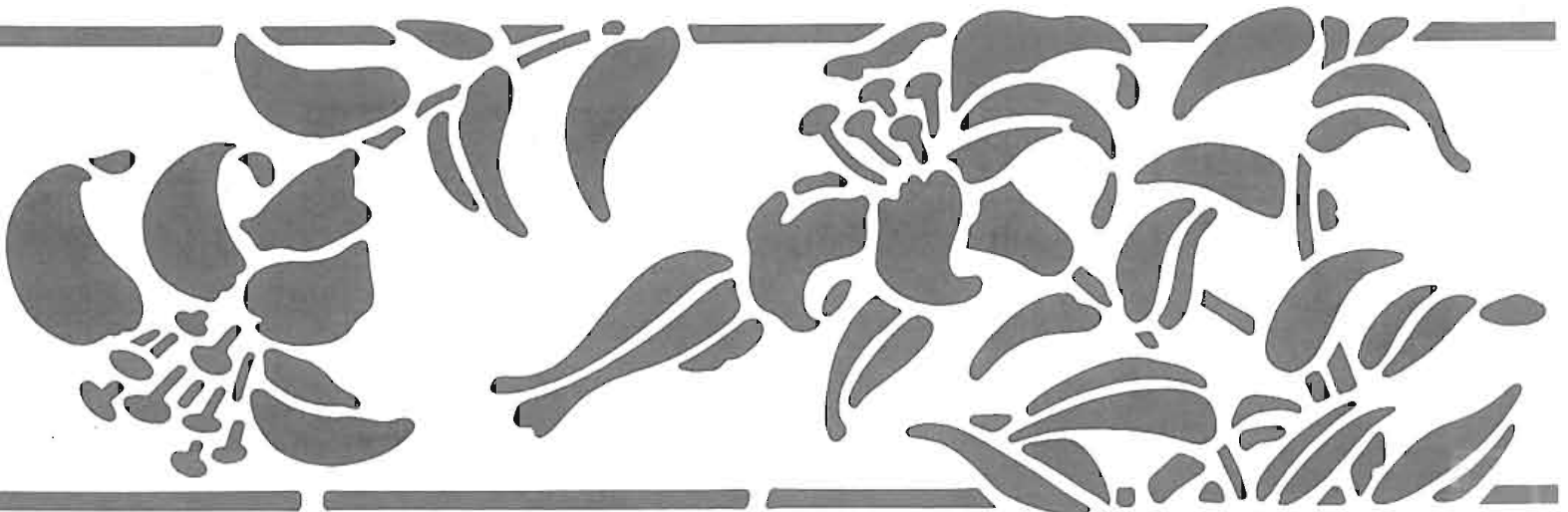
The Buddhist Church of San Francisco extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late:

Joe Katsumi Shintaku, who passed away on October 7, 2009.

Leigh Ashley Sakoda-Smith, who passed away on October 15, 2009.

今月亡くなられた方達の祥月法要は日曜日11月8日午後1時より行います。
もし名前がリストからもれていましたらオフィスまで連絡して下さい。

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Buddhist Churches of America
**SHINRAN SHONIN 750TH MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE,
 SYMPOSIUM AND BANQUET**

February 27-28, 2010

Dear BCA Sangha Member,

We trust that this letter finds you and your family enjoying the light and life of nembutsu in your daily life. On behalf of the Buddhist Churches of America we are truly grateful for your support and involvement in carrying out our mission to realize and share the heart of the Buddha Dharma in our families and communities.

We would like to invite you to participate in two special events on February 27 and 28, 2010, when the BCA will be commemorating Shinran Shonin's 750th memorial anniversary with a symposium and service at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, California. Following the Hongwanji's theme for the memorial observances, we have adopted an abbreviated English version, "Peace and Tranquility," to be the focus of our programs. This historic gathering will be held in conjunction with the annual BCA National Council meeting hosted by the Coast District Council.

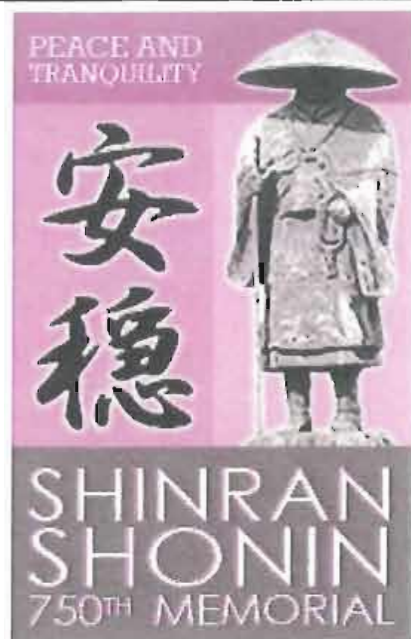
The symposium will feature a keynote address by Dr. Rev. Ken Tanaka of Musashino University, Tokyo, a range of workshops, an interactive Shin Buddhist Expo, banquet speaker Pieper Toyama, Head of the Pacific Buddhist Academy, Honolulu, HI. On Sunday a commemoration memorial service will be open to the public at no charge, and will feature a new musically based program.

In tribute to the spirit of Shinran Shonin's efforts to share the heart of Nembutsu by making the teachings accessible to people in all walks of life, the BCA National Board has designated the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu Center located in Berkeley, California, as our 750th memorial commemoration project. Dedicated in the fall of 2006, the JSC has become the center of our religious education programs by housing the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Center for Buddhist Education, and the BCA Bookstore. Other tenants include a Hongwanji branch office out of which an international English correspondence course and ministerial training program are administered, and Ryukoku University's study abroad program.

We look forward to your participation in this special commemorative event that we sincerely hope will bring our sangha together, affirming the spiritual legacy we've received from the teachings of Shinran Shonin, in Peace and Tranquility.

Gassho,

Rev. Ron Kobata and Judy Kono
 Co-chairs of the Shinran Shonin 750th Planning Committee



"May there be peace in
the world and may the
Buddha's teaching
spread!"

- Shinran Shonin

Buddhist Churches of America

**Shinran Shonin 750th
Memorial Observance, Symposium & Banquet**
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, CA

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 - Symposium & Banquet

1:15pm – 9:30pm

Symposium Speakers

Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka Rev. Harry Bridge
Prof. James Dobbins Jacqueline Kramer

Shin Expo

Banquet

Banquet Speaker – Pieper Toyama

(Symposium & Banquet registration fee: \$110)

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 - Family Service

9:30am – 12pm

Shinran Shonin Memorial Service and Musical Program
Open to all at no charge

For more information contact your temple or go to www.ingassho.com