

## If it's June, then that means...

BY REVEREND HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

June makes me think of two things – graduating seniors and Nikkoland Bazaar! Both bring bittersweet memories from last year... ;)

Now that I have been here at the Oakland Church for over a year, I think I will miss our graduating seniors that much more. But I am also excited for them – personally, going to college was a significant time in my life – I found that I was able to reinvent myself for the better and try and take better advantage of the opportunities of life. I hope that our seniors also find the transition to be positive and exciting!

Bazaar first brings memories of waking up at 3 in the morning, opening up the Church at 5 A.M., and heaving big tubs of rice before the sun comes up! I also have memories of hanging around the coffee machine eating donuts, talking to members, and seeing everyone working together very hard to put on a good bazaar. But as much as Bazaar means hard work, it also means supporting the Church, fellowship, and greater interaction with the community. I am still amazed at all the work that goes on behind the scenes – it is truly interde-

pendence at work, all the pieces of the puzzle coming together so that the public can attend a wonderful event and the Church can continue to thrive. Thank you to everyone for all your effort!

In gassho,  
Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge ❀

## President's Musings

BY STEVE TERUSAKI

We're almost there! It's Bazaar season in the Bay Area and our own Nikkoland Bazaar is on the near horizon. This month's Busshin includes information and reminders for our annual church fundraising event. Please look over the Work Schedules and call the church office or the designated Shift Captain if you are unable to help, or need to change your designated shift. In the schedule of Bay Area temple and church bazaars, Oakland is renowned for its Father's Day weekend event. And as many a dad spends this entire weekend cooking, cleaning, constructing and de-constructing, the church is extremely appreciative for their sacrifice and dedication. Our

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**TEMPLE TID-BITS**

- Kudos to the Magnificent Seven: **Cliff Yokomizo, Tom Yokomizo, Don Kaneshige, Gail Ryujin, Doug Izuno, John Minamoto, and Mark Shimamoto** for spending Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, cleaning out the basements of the apartment building. Arigato gozaimas to all!

- Do you need more dinner tickets for the Nikkoland Bazaar? Just call the office and we will send more, or you can stop by between 9:00am -5:00pm and say HI to us!

- KNOW ANYONE: a favorite merchant, business, vendor or benefactor who might give merchandise, services, gift certificates, hand-made crafts, art or monetary donations to the church for the Nikkoland Bazaar? Please give the enclosed donor form to them. Their donations are tax deductible. Call the office to arrange for pick up. We depend on our community to support the Bazaar, and thank you in advance for your efforts.

- PLEASE INVITE YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO THE NIKKOLAND BAZAAR!

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Bazaar also couldn't be a success without the dedicated efforts of all the moms, who equally sacrifice their time and energy on behalf of this annual fundraiser. And of course, the church is extremely grateful to the Bazaar Coordinating Committee chaired by **Jon Takagaki**, and all the organizations that support and make our bazaar the best in the Bay Area.

June is also the end of our Dharma School year. Congratulations to the dharma school students who are being promoted from middle school to high school; elementary school to middle school; and pre-school to elementary school. On behalf of the church I would also like to congratulate all of our high school and college graduates on their hard-earned diplomas. As each of you looks forward to your next new challenge be it college, graduate school, or entering the workforce, the church wishes you much success in your new endeavors at this important juncture in your lives.

The City of Oakland has formally approved the Buddhist Church of Oakland as a historic landmark within the City. Thanks to **Mark Shimamoto** and **Jon Takagaki** for shepherding this through the countless presentations and meetings at various City agencies in order to bring this to its fruition. For the Church, this is an acknowledgement of the unique architectural quality of

our temple and its importance not only to our sangha but to the broader Oakland community.

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Roof Renovation effort has selected a contractor to undertake the work. AWT Construction Group, based in Moraga, CA was selected from among a group of 3 bidders. The Ad Hoc Committee is working to finalize an agreement to initiate the project. AWT is the contractor currently working on the renovation of the Campanile on the UC Berkeley campus. On the Roof Campaign front, donation request letters were recently sent to all Church members. A copy of the donation/pledge form is again included in this month's Busshin. If you haven't yet made a donation or pledge on your donation, we hope that you can do so in the very near future. Signing the agreement with AWT means that we will encumber the church for funds; a portion of which we have in place, but a large portion which we hope can be fulfilled with member donations. I want to thank you

Once again many thanks to **Mark Shimamoto** for his oversight and coordination of the bidding process. We still anticipate a construction start date right after this year's Obon. As stated in last month's Busshin, if you need information about the process, or the project, please feel free to e-mail me at: [steve\\_terusaki@mba.berkeley.edu](mailto:steve_terusaki@mba.berkeley.edu) ☸

## Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course 2010 Fall Enrollment Applications Now Accepted

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their fall 2010 enrollment. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Belgium, Poland, Japan, as well as, Hawaii and the BCA. With over 100 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at:  
[www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org)

Applications may be submitted online at course website.  
Deadline: August 15.

Questions may be directed to:  
Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office,  
2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA  
Tel: 510-809-1441,  
email: [jsc@cb-bca.org](mailto:jsc@cb-bca.org)

## Momijikai News

By NANCY YAMAMOTO

The next Momiji kai gathering will be on Thursday, May 6, 2010 beginning at 10 a.m. with our **Rev Bridge** helping us to start the day with a mini service. We do hope more members will participate in our twice monthly gathering which is always quite enjoyable. Also, we welcome anyone who wishes to become a new member and join us in a pleasant fun day.

We try to plan at least one special event each month such as lunches of varied kinds or visiting some facility of interest, thanks to the efforts of **Chieko Endo** and **Jean Nakazono**, president and events coordinator respectively. Last month some 20 plus members and guests enjoyed a lovely Japanese lunch at the Kamakura restaurant in Alameda. **Jean Nakazono** and her committee made some interesting table decorations which was quite effective.

**Ms. Phyllis Ogata** was a guest who brought our old time member, Mrs. Horimoto, to join us. It is seeing and meeting our members and friends which makes for a great day. Plans are in the works for visiting some sites of interest and having an ochazuke luncheon or some like events so please come out and join us all. ☸

## Help Us Gather Donations for the Bazaar!

Last year's Nikkoland Bazaar included wonderful silent auction items that generated spirited bidding. And, we were able to expand the number of terrific prizes to winners in the raffle drawing. Both the silent auction and raffle were huge successes last year, thanks to the generosity of our temple members and friends of our church who donated merchandise, gift certificates, and valued personal possessions to support the temple. We sincerely appreciate and are grateful for their generosity.

In preparation for the 2010 Nikkoland Bazaar in June, we request your help to identify potential donors for the silent auction and raffle drawing.

Donors might be businesses, organizations, and individuals that you know who may be able to donate:

- merchandise and products
- gift cards and certificates to restaurants or for services (e.g., a day at the spa)
- tickets to sporting events
- tickets to the performing arts
- gift baskets

These are examples of a few of the most popular silent auction items. All donations are welcome and appreciated.

Please contact **Tomita** in the church office with potential donors. You can reach her by phone at 510-832-5988 or by e-mail at [bco825@aol.com](mailto:bco825@aol.com). When you contact **Tomita**, please let her know:

- name of the business or organization
- address
- type of business
- contact name
- whether we can indicate your name as the referral

For more information, please contact Silent Auction Co-Chairs: **Mary Hiromoto** at the church office on Tuesday or Thursday or **Carol Thunen** at (510) 594-1800 or [c.thunen@comcast.net](mailto:c.thunen@comcast.net). Thank you for your help. With your assistance, we will be able to have an even more successful silent auction, raffle and Nikkoland Bazaar in 2010. ❀

### Newsroom OBWA BY GAYLE NOGUCHI

The OBWA would like to thank the following:

- The **Steve Terusaki family**, **Terri Isono**, **Hideso Neishi**, and the **Murakawa family** for their generous donations.

• We'd also like to thank Toban "A" for our Spring Ohigan otoki and those who helped collate the Busshin.

- **Rev. and Mrs. Bridge, Jean Nakazono**, and **Itsuko Uota** for making home visitations.

• **Chieko Endo, Daisy Tsujimoto, Mary Hiromoto**, and **Patti Hisaoka** for assisting at the Takasugi memorial service.

The next OBWA meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. ❀

## Jr. YBA News

By PAUL NOGUCHI

It seems like it was only yesterday that I was introducing myself and every other Jr. YBA member and their positions in the Oakland Buddhist Church Jr. YBA youth club. Now, it is the month of June, and the monthly news by me, **Paul Noguchi**, about what's happening in the Jr. YBA will be ending soon.

The Jr. YBA would like to thank all of those who came out to support the Bay District fundraiser movie night. It's been a pleasure feeding you all the latest and greatest news of the Jr. YBA, which will be going to San Louis Obispo next month (July), and I hope to see everyone at Bazaar and Obon!

Hope everyone has a great summer, and don't get sunburned! ❀

### DEADLINE FOR July 2010 BUSSHIN ARTICLES: June 1<sup>st</sup>

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed. Send articles to **Joyce Yokomizo**:  
email: [joyce@yokomizo.com](mailto:joyce@yokomizo.com)  
fax: (415) 970-0810

You can also send articles to **Tomita Shimamoto** at the church office.

**BUSSHIN COLLATION by the Dharma School on Sunday, June 13th after service by the Dharma School**

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS...

By JANET UMEZU

It's hard to believe that Dharma School for the year 2009-2010 is coming to a close. Where did the time fly? Since the last article, many of the students and families had a chance to remember their beloved pets on April 18 at the Pets Memorial Service. **Rev. Bridge** gave a very heart-warming dharma message about the importance of pets in ones life. A very special thank you goes to **Pamela Kato** for printing the Pet Memorial cards. Every year she has generously donated her time to

School Teachers' League Conference in Los Angeles, CA. The guest speaker was **Rev. Mas Kodani** of Senshin Buddhist Church. As always, **Rev. Kodani** gave a dharma talk which challenges you. By giving a historical background of Obon Odori in Japan and the United States, he explained the concept of "Tada", which simply put is "Just" or "Just Do It". In other words, do not worry if you are going to embarrass yourself or if you are going to get something out of it. "Just

was spent in workshops and in the evening spent making crafts. It was an informative and enjoyable weekend.

From now until June 6, the students will be winding down their activities in class. In conjunction with the Jr. YBA's breakfast, the students will be observing Parents' Day on May 9, by making floral corsages.

June 6 will be the last day of Dharma School and a full day. For those students who are working diligently to obtain a perfect attendance award, you have just a few more Sundays. On June 6, both Attendance Award recipients and Graduates will be honored. It will also be Birthday Sunday. June and July birthdays will be celebrated.



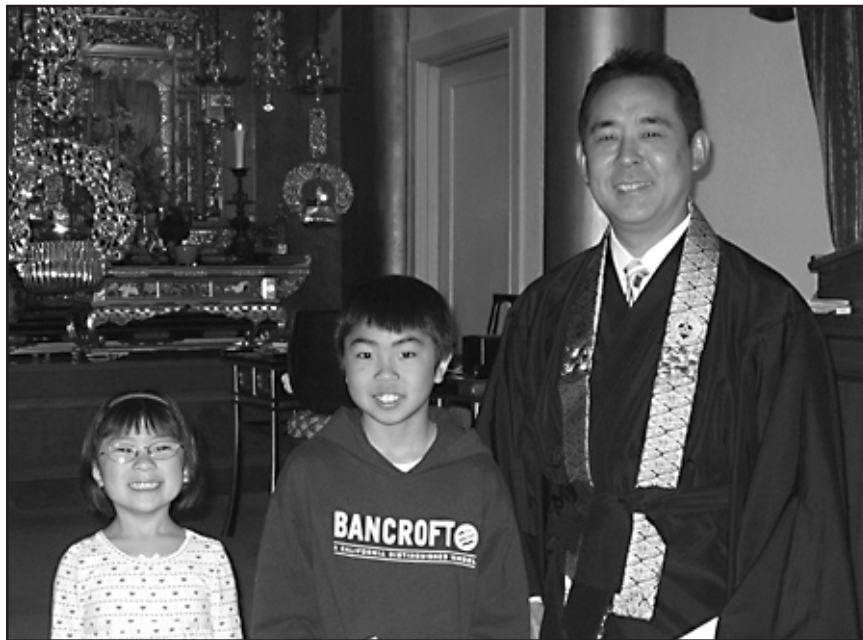
A Very Happy Birthday goes to: June Birthdays: **Charlotte Abrahamson, Martha**

**Castro, Grant Ikeda, Garrett Kamita, Christopher MacMaster, Miharu Okamura, Alex Wilson and Andy Yamashita.** July Birthdays: **Keiko Masamori, Nicole Masuoka and Jenna Kwong.**

To our donors who generously give to support the Dharma School a very special thank you. This month's donors are:

**M/M. Ren Orans – Remy's & Mia's birthday**

**M/M George Kamita – Grant's**



April Birthdays

print up homyo cards which are displayed with each family's pet's name. Thank you to **Mollie Yoneyama** for keeping us organized and getting everything prepared for the memorial service.

At the end of April, a couple of the Dharma School teachers attended the Federation Dharma

Do It". For this writer, it was interesting to hear that Obon Odori originally consisted of people chanting the nembutsu in a circle and only later did it develop into a more formalized way of dancing. However, the concept of "Tada" is still being digested. The remaining time at the conference

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birthday

**M/M Shig Naito** – Grandsons',  
**Matt & Mason Medeiros** birth-  
day

**Michael Endo** – Orei for Birth-  
day

**Mrs. I Uota** – Grandson **Remy**  
**Orans'** birthday

Pets Memorial Donations:

**Brian Nagata, Gloria Fuji-**  
**moto, Steven Terusaki Family,**  
**Jensen Wong Family, Maya &**  
**Gary Lawrence Family, Doris**  
**Okano, Terri Isono, Harry/June**  
**Bergland, Norman & Loris**  
**Endo, Ikeda Family, Michael**  
**Endo and the Li Family**

Dates to Remember: May 30<sup>th</sup>  
– No Service

June 6- Last Day of Dharma  
School; Attendance Awards;  
Birthday Sunday

June 13 – Busshin Collating;  
Bazaar Construction ❀

## Hanamatsuri



Jr YBA and Rev Harry



Dharma School Play

## June Shotsuki Memorial Service

Service: Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 10:45 a.m.

Sermon by Reverend Harry Gyokyo Bridge

Family and friends are invited to attend this monthly memorial service for those listed below. If any errors appear in the list below, please notify the church office at (510) 832-5988 at your earliest convenience. Next month's Shotsuki Service will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Jimmie Akaba	Mr. Mitsugi Maneki – 50th Year	Mrs. Miyoko Satake
Mr. Stanley Aochi	Mrs. Misao Miyamoto	Mrs. Tomiye Satake
Mr. Yasokichi Aochi	Mrs. Tama Miyazaki	Mr. Kenji Sato
Ms. Nobuko Yoshida Colman – 7th Year	Mrs. Hatsue Mori	Mr. Bunjiro Shigematsu
Mrs. Hisae Deguchi	Mrs. Katsuko Mori	Mr. Risuke Shiozaki
Mrs. Haruno Egashiro	Mrs. Kinue Mori – 50th Year	Mrs. Koto Suyama
Mr. Yasaburo Egashiro	Mr. Shoroku Morikawa	Mr. Noboru Takagaki
Mr. Higashi Fukawa	Mrs. Tane Morikawa	Mr. George Y. Tamori
Mrs. Matsu Fukuchi	Mr. Genkichi Mukuno	Mrs. Sada Tanabe
Mr. Kanae Fukutomi	Mr. Ricky Nagaki	Mrs. Hisayo Taniguchi
Mr. Takeshi Furuta	Mrs. Aki Naito	Mr. Kiyoshi Taniguchi
Mr. Peng Kiang Goh	Mrs. Saki Nakagawa – 33rd Year	Mr. Ben Tanisawa
Mrs. Masae Goto	Mrs. Sakae Nakaguma	Ms. Tome Tanisawa – 13th Year
Mr. Satoru Harada	Mr. Shoichi Nakao	Mrs. Yaeko Teramaye
Miss Natsuko Harano	Mrs. Tami Nakao	Mr. Harold Tsujimoto
Mr. Kameo Hatakeyama	Mr. Juhei Nakashima	Mrs. Kiku Tsushima
Mrs. Harriet Hayashida	Mr. Juso Nakashima	Miss Kimiko Tsushima
Mrs. Yoshiko Hiyama	Mrs. Sakae Nakazono	Mr. Kumaichi Tsushima
Mrs. Kyoko Hori	Mr. Brian Neishi	Mrs. Teruko Tsutakawa – 3rd Year
Mr. Shintaro Imazu	Mrs. Julia Neishi	Mr. Benjamin Wakabayashi
Mrs. Akiyo Isono	Mrs. Kikuyo Neishi	Mr. Hakuzo Watanabe
Mrs. Masae Kanagaki	Mrs. Sai Nishimura	Mr. Takeo Yago
Mr. Tsugio Kato – 3rd Year	Mr. Kyuji Obayashi	Mr. Fukutaro Yamamoto
Mr. Henry Kawai – 3rd Year	Mrs. Suga Ogawa	Mrs. Hamako Yamanashi – 7th Year
Ms. Ruby Kawamoto	Mrs. Asae Okai	Mrs. Koraku Yamane
Mrs. Take Kido	Mr. Yunosuke Okai	Mr. Roy Yamane
Mr. Mitsuru Kurotori	Mr. Richard Okano	Mr. Yoshio Yamato – 7th Year
Mr. Takeshi Kusano	Mr. Ken Okumura	Mr. Matsutaro Yamashita
Mr. Mitsugi Maneki	Mr. Suehachi Omura	Mr. Hatsutaro Yoshisato
Mr. Tsunejiro Matsutani	Mr. Noboru Ono	Mr. Kumekichi Yoshiura ❀
Mr. Yoshiharu Matsutani	Miss Karen Otsuka	
Mrs. Harue Minamoto	Mrs. Kazuyo Sakai	
	Mr. San'emon Sasajima	

# June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Busshin Articles Due	2 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	3 10:00 a.m. Momiji Kai	4	5 9:00 a.m. Nippongo Gakuen 10:00 a.m. Kurimanju making
6 9:00 a.m. OBWA Meeting 10:00 a.m. Family Dharma Service & Graduation, Shotsuki Service	7	8	9	10 7:30 p.m. Concord Howakai	11	12 9:00 a.m. Nippongo Gakuen Year-End Presentations, Otoki
13 Bazaar Construction, Kurimanju making, Lunch by Youth Club Busshin Collated by Dharma School	14 10:00 a.m. Wanto Shodo Kai 1:00 p.m. Line Dance 7:30 p.m. Karaoke	15 7:00 p.m. Fukuoka Sister City	16	17 Bazaar Food Preparation	18 Bazaar Food Preparation	19 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Nikkoland Bazaar
20 Noon - 7:00 p.m. Nikkoland Bazaar	21 1:00 p.m. Line Dance 7:30 p.m. Karaoke	22 Bazaar Clean Up	23	24	25	26
27 No Service Church Clean Up	28 10:00 a.m. Wanto Shodo Kai 1:00 p.m. Line Dance 7:30 p.m. Karaoke	29	30			



# July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 a.m. <b>Momiji Kai</b>	2	3
				Busshin Articles Due	BD Jr YBA SLO Retreat	
4 No Service	5 Office Closed 7:30 p.m. <b>Karaoke</b>	6	7	8	9	10 2:00 p.m. <b>Ikebana</b>
BD Jr YBA SLO Retreat						
11 9:00 a.m. <b>OBWA Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Shotsuki Service</b>	12 10:00 a.m. <b>Wanto Shodo Kai</b> 1:00 p.m. <b>Line Dance</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	13	14 7:00 p.m. <b>Obon Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	15 10:00 a.m. <b>Momiji Kai</b>	16	17 Busshin Collated by the Jr YBA
18 10:00 a.m. <b>Church Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park</b> No Service	19 1:00 p.m. <b>Line Dance</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Karaoke</b>	20 7:00 p.m. <b>Fukuoka Sister City</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	21	22 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	23	24
25 No Service 9:00 a.m. <b>Church Clean Up</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Hiroshima Kenjinkai Memorial</b>	26 10:00 a.m. <b>Wanto Shodo Kai</b> 1:00 p.m. <b>Line Dance</b> 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	27	28 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	29 7:30 p.m. <b>Obon Practice</b>	30 <b>All Day: Obon Festival Preparation</b> 7:00 a.m. <b>Obon Food Preparation</b>	31 <b>All Day: See Obon Schedule</b> 3:00 p.m. <b>Obon Opens</b>