

Busshin

Buddha as Superhero? BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

I AM STARTING THIS MONTH WITH more questions! The big question is, “Who, or What, is Buddha?” But there is no single answer. One possible answer is that Buddha is a superhero! This doesn’t seem to accord with another answer to the question, which is that “Buddha was just a person like you or me.” That is certainly an acceptable answer, but it isn’t the whole story.

I grew up with superheroes - my father liked Superman, and had the original Superman comics, though his mother threw them out. Imagine how much they’d be worth now?! He got me into Spiderman, who was my favorite superhero when I was a kid. The classic superheroes fought crime and tried to help those in need. They also often had superpowers, whether the invulnerability of Superman or the Spider-sense of Spiderman. Sometimes they used technology, like Batman.

Did Buddha have superpowers? According to the sutras, yes. He was said to have mystical powers, like the ability to hear over vast distances, read minds, and even to teleport! But perhaps the most important of Buddha’s superpowers are the ability to perfect the Six Paramitas. You know how to remember them, right? Grandpa Delivers Pizza Every Monday and Wednesday or Giving-Discipline-Patience-Effort-Meditation-Wisdom. An important aspect of these is that they are the path of the Bodhisattva, a Buddha-in-training. We usually think of them in an everyday sense, like “I should be more patient,” but they are much more hardcore than that. For instance, in the *Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life*, it is said of Dharmakara Bodhisattva that, “Possessed of the power to persevere, he did not avoid undergoing various afflictions.” Patiently undergoing great difficulties for the sake of others.

Although Jodo Shinshu has this understanding of the Six Paramitas on the Buddha’s side, it is important to remember that Dharmakara Bodhisattva performed and perfected the Paramitas so that we don’t have to! I engage in giving sometimes, but it is never selfless - my ego is always operating and I often catch myself wishing for acknowledgment. My patience isn’t very great either - I can barely wait for lunchtime and instead go looking for snacks at the office.

I do think it is important to be aware of the Six Paramitas, and *Higan*, the equinox, is a great time to investigate them and try and put them into practice, even if only to fail. But that’s ok - when I catch myself falling short, *Namo Amida Butsu* - Amida embraces me as I am. See the flyer on page 7 in this issue for information about our Spring Higan service. ■

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DHARMA SCHOOL BEGAN 2026 by continuing along with our learning theme, “*Byōdō & Engi*: Equality and Interdependence.”

In January, the PreK-1st Grade “*Little*s” continued exploring this year’s Dharma School theme of *Engi*/interdependence through uplifting immigrant and labor justice stories. Students reflected on our connection to farmworkers and the land while listening to a read-aloud about *Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta*, then did an art activity highlighting the word “boycott,” during which students cut and glued plump purple grapes. In another lesson, students learned another word connected to *Engi*/interdependence, “solidarity,” through the story of Filipino organizer and farmworker, *Larry Itliong*. They talked about the shared struggle and cooperation between Mexican, Filipino,

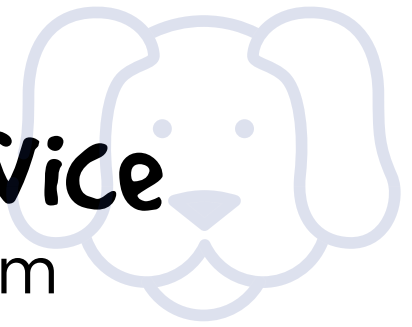
and Arab farmworkers, watched AJ Rafael’s music video *Our Friend Larry Itliong*, and created collages celebrating farmworker solidarity.

The 2nd-6th grade class finalized their projects for the rest of the year! Students worked in three mixed-age groups, each led by a 6th grader, to review the finalists and make recommendations. After thoughtful discussion, the class reached consensus on three projects: hosting a pancake breakfast that will include a student-run table where community members can learn more about Dharma School, creating a BCO community recipe book, and organizing another animal shelter drive. There will be lots of communication coming from students in the coming months as these projects move forward, so please keep an eye out for ways you can support!

Rev. Bridge also substituted for the 2nd-6th grade class. He expanded on his Dharma Talk where he explained the three sections of the *Naijin* with Amida Buddha, Shinran Shonin, and Rennyō Shonin. Everyone learned about the various table set-ups—both the “3-piece complete set” and “5-piece complete set.” During class, the students got a *Naijin* “tour,” expanding on the Dharma Talk. The students got to see areas that most people do not get to go, including the “flower room” with its view of the *Naijin* from the side, as well as the balcony behind the Hondo. They even got to go in the *Naijin* and *Nokotsudo*!

The 7th-12th Grade class focused on *Byōdō*/equality and *Engi*/interdependence through the life and teachings of Shinran Shonin. Students

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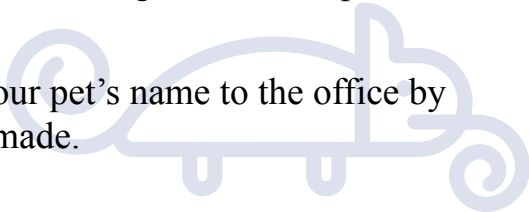
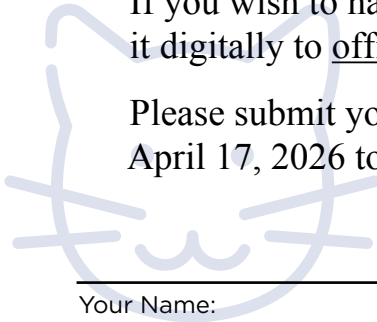


Pet Memorial Service

April 26, 2026 • 10am

Our pets are very important members of our families. In remembrance of our beloved family pets, we will have a Pets Memorial Service on April 26 at 10:00am as part of the Dharma Family Service. We also want to show appreciation to the animals who give their lives for our sustenance. Please complete the form below and we will have a card made in your pet's memory. If you wish to have your pet's photo appear during the service, please send it digitally to officebco@gmail.com.

Please submit your name, address and your pet's name to the office by April 17, 2026 to have a memorial card made.



Your Name:

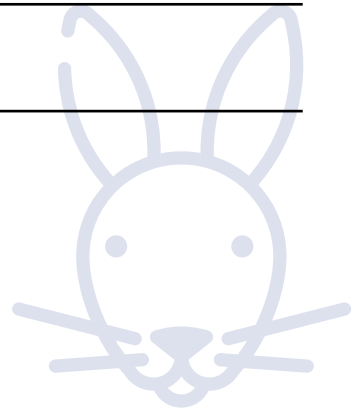
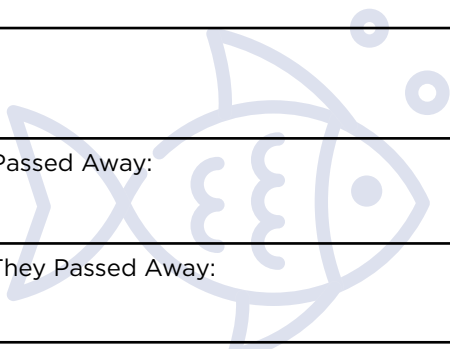
Your Address:

Your Pet(s)'s Name & Year She/He/They Passed Away:

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BY JO MAKISHIMA

OUR FIRST GATHERING OF THE New Year was held on Jan. 15th and opened with the chanting of *Ju-seige* led by **Rev. Bridge**. **Rev. Bridge** wished us all a Happy New Year and reminded us that tomorrow, Jan. 16th is the date of *Shinran Shonin's* passing and observed by the *Hoonko* service. Some say that as Buddhists, we should be humble. **Rev. Bridge** says we should be ourselves, humble or not. *Shinran* saw himself full of arrogance. We need to just be ourselves but listen to the Dharma and let the Dharma in our lives.

Next on the agenda was yoga, led by our instructor, **Norma Hoshide**. When we practice yoga, we are joining our mind and body. This can be accomplished with the way we breathe, by focusing with clarity of mind and trying not to be distracted. The breath has 4 parts, inhale, natural pause, exhale, natural pause. We practiced breathing. It does help us to focus and clear our minds of distracting thoughts.

June Masuyama asked us if we would be interested in learning about fall prevention. Many nods of Yes

Please! She knows of a podiatrist who offered to teach us about fall prevention so June will set up a session at a future meeting.

We enjoyed sandwiches, chips, potato and green salads and a delicious apple cake baked by **Carrie Oto**.

Annual dues for Momijikai are \$20 and lunches are \$10 per meeting. Please join us at **10 am on the first and third Thursdays of the month**. Our meetings are filled with a little religion, an hour of yoga, some educational and fun activities, lunch and plenty of fellowship. ■

In Memoriam

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU OF the passing of **Reverend Zuikei Taniguchi**, BCA Minister Emeritus, on January 14, 2026, at the age of 85. Rev. Taniguchi served at the Buddhist Church of Oakland from 1971-1983.

At Rev. Taniguchi's request, no

funeral service will be conducted. The family also respectfully wishes to decline expressions of condolence, koden, flowers etc.

As an expression of gratitude for the many years of service of Rev. Taniguchi, it has been suggested that donations can be made to the

BCO Rev. Taniguchi Dharma Award. This scholarship was created by Rev. Taniguchi for graduating high school seniors in our Dharma School.

Please mail or drop off your check to the Buddhist Church of Oakland and write "*Rev. Taniguchi scholarship*" in the memo. ■

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discussed the significance of *Ho-onko* as an expression of gratitude for Shinran's teachings, like his teaching of "Other Power" rather than self-power. Each student examined a major achievement or moment of growth through the lens of self-power versus "Other Power," deepening their understanding of humility, gratitude, and interconnected causes and conditions.

Dharma School is grateful for

generous donations from **Dennis Kayama, Peggy Takahashi, and Harvey and Gay Kaplan**. Your continued support sustains our programs and deepens students' learning experiences!

A very Happy Birthday to **Toni D.Y., Aya H., Tomu H., Madison I., Atzi N., and Cam S.F.**!

Upcoming Dharma School dates: **February 8 and 22; March 1 and 15; April 12 and 26; May 17 and 31; and June 7, 2026.** ■

DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2026 BUSSHIN ARTICLES: FEBRUARY 20TH

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed.

SEND ARTICLES TO: Joyce Yokomizo

email:

joyce@yokomizo.com

You can also send articles to the church office.



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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF *Compassion and Gratitude*

BCO'S 125TH Anniversary Celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**.

ONAIJIN UPDATE

Have you noticed any changes to the *onaijin* floor? No more carpet! We determined there was hardwood under the carpet and had the floor completely refinished late in December before our restored *onaijin* is re-installed. Please take a look if you haven't already.

By the time you read this, our restored *onaijin* will be re-installed in the Hondo. You will see restored panels above the *onaijin*, as well. Please come to Sunday service to check it out.

BANQUET

It's official, our **125th Anniversary**

Celebration Luncheon will be at the **Oakland Asian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 17, 2026** after our special service. Many thanks to the 125th Anniversary Banquet Task Force for doing the site visit and nailing down the details to secure this site.

The 125th Anniversary Banquet Task Force is finalizing the bento menu and deciding on beverages and other details. Tickets for this event will be available for purchase during the spring.

CALL OUT FOR PHOTOS

The 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee is looking for photos of the BCO and/or its activities from between 2001 and 2011. If you have hard copies of photos, we will scan

them in. Please write the approximate date of the photo on the back and enclose your photos in an envelope with your name on it so we can return them to you after scanning.

If you have digital photos, please send them in jpg format to bco125@buddhistchurchofoakland.org. Thank you!

125TH MERCHANDISE

Thank you for supporting projects for the 125th anniversary by your purchase of merchandise that commemorates BCO's 125 years. Your purchase of these tastefully designed t-shirts, baseball caps, tote bags, and aprons will help support the BCO for years to come. Merchandise is available for sale most Sundays. ■



125th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign Underway

BY JON TAKAGAKI

THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF Oakland will celebrate its **125th anniversary** on **October 17, 2026**. This is truly a milestone occasion!

In December 2025, BCO initiated a fundraising campaign, with a letter to the Sangha, to commemorate our 125th anniversary. Your support is requested to fund several renovation and beautification projects, focused in the Hondo and main church building, which will significantly improve our temple facilities and benefit our entire Sangha community.

RENOVATION AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

The projects that have been chosen include:

- Renovate and beautify two sections of the *Onaijin* altars
- Remove carpet on the Onaijin and refinish the hardwood floor
- Install new HVAC system
- Renovate restrooms on the 1st floor and renovate and reconfigure the restroom on the 2nd floor to make it disability compliant (scope of this work is under review)
- Reupholster pews and refinish the wood framing; refinish wood floors under the pews
- Replace chairs used in the social hall

While our campaign is in its early stages, we already have made progress on projects. After being in Japan for restoration for the past 12 months, the two sections of our *Onaijin* will be reinstalled in **early February**. The refinishing of the hardwood floor on the *Onaijin* has been completed and it turned out beautifully! Please come and see it! Work on the new HVAC

system has begun and the remaining projects will largely be staged over the course of 2026 and beyond.

THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

To take on the temple projects, the total cost is approximately \$720,000. Thanks to several, generous lead donations, our fundraising campaign goal is \$500,000.

We respectfully request everyone's help. We believe we can reach our goal through a gift request of \$800 from individual members and friends of the church and \$1,600 per couple.

There are various ways to provide your gift and support.

- By check - please make your check out to the Buddhist Church of Oakland and please include "125th Anniversary" in the memo section of the check.
- By credit card - this can be done in person when you are at church or online on the Buddhist Church of Oakland website: <https://buddhistchurchofoakland.org/125thcampaign>.

Gifts may be pledged over a two-year period and can be made on a recurring basis over the course of one or two years using a credit card or through your financial institution. If you have questions, the church office may be able to provide some general guidance.

WITH GRATITUDE

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the lead donors and to the Sangha members who have sent in their gifts. Acknowledgements of your gifts will be sent out shortly. Be on the lookout in next month's

Busshin for a progress report on our campaign.

Your gift will make a real difference to help ensure that BCO will continue to be a place to hear and embrace the Dharma. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. ■

Onaijin Refinished Floors

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THANKS TO OUR SANGHA FOR supporting our Holiday Boutique which was such a success! Props to **Carol Thunen** and **Dana Hiramoto** for planning and organizing **this event** and to **Sharon Harada** and **Kathy Endo** for helping with set up, sales, and clean up.

After hearing from four community organizations in November, the OBWA voted to contribute \$250 each to all four worthy groups. They are the *Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)* which helps juveniles in the foster care system; *REACH West Program* which teaches special needs adults how to prepare healthy and nutritious meals; *the Collective Freedom Laos Project* which helps those deported back to Laos with essential needs and support services; *Oakland Education Association Immigrant Support* which helps immigrant families facing the threat of deportations with legal assistance.

The Party Favor Workshop with **Arlene Jellinek** which was postponed in the fall has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please let **Joyce Yokomizo** (joyce@yokomizo.com) know if you'd like to attend.

Card-making Workshop on **Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon** in the small chapel. If you'd like to help making cards, **Patti Hisaoka** will be

there to share her creative ideas along with samples. Please help us create more cards for future sales. They are a very popular item at our sales events. Our next card sale will be at **Hanamatsuri on April 12**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 OBWA Meeting Dates

March 8

May 3

July 12

September 27

November 8 (last meeting of 2026)

All meetings are on **Sunday after church service ~11:30 a.m.** and held over a potluck lunch.

Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**.

Our **OBWA Spring Luncheon** will be on **March 29, 2026**. **Carol Thunen** will chair this event.

The OBWA is hosting the **Bay District Buddhist Women's League Conference** this year on **May 16**. **Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.** with refreshments. **Oshoko begins at 10:00 a.m.** with the **opening service beginning at 10:30 a.m.** **The conference starting at 10:00 and ending at 4:00 p.m.** **Patti Hisaoka** is chairing the event with help from conference committee members **Tina Kong, Maya Lawrence, June Masuyama, Carol Neishi, Sabrina Shepard, Kathy Terusaki,**

and **Carol Thunen**. The conference theme is *"May All Beings Be Happy and Well: Mental & Physical Health & Well-being"*. **Bishop Marvin Harada** will be our keynote speaker. We will also have workshops featuring **Karen Owoc**, KRON health expert. **Norma Hoshide** will show us chair yoga exercises. **Closing service will be at 3:30 p.m.**

Our next **OBWA potluck lunch meeting** will be on **March 8, 2026 after service ~ 11:30**.

FUTURE EVENTS TO CONSIDER

Federation of Buddhist Women's Association (FBWA) conference will be **October 2 - 4, 2026 in San Diego**. If you're interested in helping and/or attending, please contact **Kathy Terusaki** at kkterusaki@gmail.com.

World Buddhist Women's Conference (WBWC) will be held in **Hawaii from September 11 - 12, 2027**. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Kathy T**.

The **2031 WBWC** will be in **Las Vegas in Fall 2031 midweek**. This conference will be organized by an ad hoc committee consisting of members from different districts. If you have ideas for a theme, please contact **Patti Hisaoka** at pfujihisa@gmail.com.

Please remember to make checks out to "Buddhist Church of Oakland - OBWA" to ensure funds are correctly allocated. ■

Special Web Links

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND WEBSITE

<http://www.buddhistchurchofoakland.org/>

ONLINE SERVICES AND DHARMA TALKS

<https://www.youtube.com/c/buddhistchurchofoakland/>

BCA SERVICE BOOK

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Transbay Minister Exchange!!!

BY BAY DISTRICT MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

ON MARCH 8, 2026, THE BAY District Ministerial Association has set up the first ever Transbay Minister Exchange!! On that day, the Bay District ministers who are available are trading places to provide a change of scenery and lead the family service at a neighboring temple.

Rev. Opel will be here in Alameda, **Rev. Miyaji** will go to San Francisco, **Rev. Koyama** will go to Oakland, **Rev. Bridge** will go to Southern Alameda, and **Rev. Fujimoto** will go to Palo Alto. The visiting minister will lead the Sutra Chanting and provide the

Dharma Message while the resident minister travels to another temple nearby. Each temple Sangha will assist to help the visiting minister in preparing for the service. Such an exchange would be difficult to do for a major service, but we hope such a family service exchange will provide a special service event to look forward to. Please mark this on your calendars and support our special guest minister!!

BCO is pleased to welcome **Rev. Dean Koyama** of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Koyama has served as the Resident Minister of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple since June 2013. Previously, he served at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, Tacoma Buddhist Temple (WA), and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Born and raised in Sacramento, **Rev. Koyama** studied Biology and graduated from the University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. He later attended and graduated from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and entered the Buddhist ministry in 1989. ■

BEC Announces 2026 Winter/Spring Schedule!

THE BCO BUDDHIST EDUCATION Committee (BEC) formally met on *January 4th*. The committee consists of: **Karen Hashimoto, Lyman Hollins, Judy Kano, Betty Magome, Robert Noguchi, Keiju Terada, Brian Wong** and **Rev. Harry Bridge**.

We're very proud to announce our schedule for Winter and Spring 2026:

- **Sat 2/21/2026 (1pm):** Study Class: Buddhism: Basics & Beyond: The Three Dharma Marks (Imperma-

nence)

- **Sat 3/14/2026 (1pm):** Study Class: Buddhism: Basics & Beyond: The Three Dharma Marks (No self)
- **Sun 3/15/2026 (10:45am):** Dharma / Chat: Spring Ohigan
- **Sat 4/11/2026 (1pm):** Study Class: Buddhism: Basics & Beyond: The Three Dharma Marks (Suffering/ Nirvana)
- **Sun 4/19/2026 (10:45am):** Dharma Chat

- **Sat 5/9/2026 (1pm):** Study Class: Buddhism: Basics & Beyond: Greed, Anger, Ignorance: The Three Poisons
- **Sun 5/10/2026 (10:45am):** Dharma Chat

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend these sessions. If you have any questions, ask any committee member or contact the Church office (officebco@gmail.com). ■

Koto Workshop

SHIRLEY MURAMOTO WILL BEGIN A KOTO WORKSHOP AT BCO THIS SPRING! ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME

- instruments and supplies will be provided. There is no registration fee, but donations are gratefully accepted.

These are the dates for Spring 2026:

Saturday, Mar 7

Saturday, April 4

Saturday, May 30

The workshops will be held from **2:00 - 4:00 pm**.

Please register a week before the class(es) you are interested in by emailing

murasaki@murasakiensemble.com ■



Bonus Mochitsuki Photos

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Spring Ohigan Service

Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00am: Spring Ohigan and Dharma School Service, followed by Light Refreshments

Spring Ohigan (Equinox) is a time to reflect and renew our efforts toward the Six Paramitas (Perfections): Generosity (Dana), Moral Conduct (Sila), Patience (Kshanti), Perseverance (Virya), Meditation (Dhyana) and Wisdom (Prajna). Join us for this special event on March 15th.



Hanamatsuri

Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:30am: Kambutsu (pour sweet tea over baby Buddha)

10:00am: Dharma School Hanamatsuri Service

10:30am: Adult Dharma Hanamatsuri Service

11:15am: Otoki Lunch

Hanamatsuri (Flower Festival) is a day of great joy and significance. Come see the baby Buddha in Lumbini's Garden (hanamido) and pour sweet tea over him, like the gentle rain that fell 2,500 years ago. Join us for this special service on April 12th.

*This event is free and open to the public - Limited free parking is available
Coffee, juice and breakfast treats available from 9:15am*

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Phone: 510-832-5988 – e-mail: officebco@gmail.com
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2026 March Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM PST

Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

The Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held as a separate, standalone service both in-person and streaming online at 11:00 AM. Family and friends are invited to attend or view this monthly memorial service in-person or online for those listed above. If any errors appear, please direct them to the church office at (510) 832-5988 or officebco@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

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Mr. Motojiro Fukuda	Miss Martha Kido	Mr. Junji Nakashima	Mrs. Shizuko Shiroyama - <i>13th year</i>
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Mr. Heiji Kano	Mrs. Matsuye Morishita - <i>33rd year</i>	Mrs. Shigeru Sakaki	Miss Fusako Yuto
Mr. Raymond Kano	Mrs. Tayo Morishita	Mr. Kichimatsu Satake	Mrs. Jitsuyo Yuto
Mr. Tsutomu Kasai	Mrs. Misao Murakawa - <i>17th year</i>	Mr. Minoru Satake	Mrs. Kayoko Yuto
Mrs. Umeyo Kasai	Mr. Toshio Murakawa	Mrs. Misao Satake	
Mrs. Fujiyo Kataoka			

Donations

BCO would like to acknowledge the donations from our members and friends. We are very grateful and appreciative of your continued generosity and kindness. Thank you!

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Endo, Michael
Endo, Donald & Kathy
Grohl, Renie
Hamamoto, Jun
Harry Kurotori Family
Hashimoto, Karen
Hess, Keiko
Hisaoka, Patti
Kaneshige, Don & Clare
Kanungo, Mohan
Kaplan, Harvey & Gay
Kuwada, Karen
Lamont Takahashi Family
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Eastly, John & Nii-Eastly, Stacy
Endo, Michael
Fujimoto, Kayoko
Hashimoto, Karen
Hayashida, Joanne
Hisaoka, Patti
Inada, Rick & Gayle
Kano, Judy
Kawata, Jean
Minamoto, John
Minamoto, Ed & Mabel
Minamoto, Linda
Nagata, Brian
Oniki, Christeen
Takagaki, Jon & Linda
Terusaki, Kathy & Steve
Yamamoto, Bruce & Cindy
Yamashita, Irving
Yoshida, Kathy & Norman
Yoshida, Gloria

125TH ANNIVERSARY

Abrahamson, Norman & Susan
Cho, Andy & Tsujimoto Cho, Gail
Anonymous
Hashimoto, Karen
Hisaoka, Jeffrey
Kaplan, Harvey & Gay

Kim, Henri & Sakai, Cindy
Lamont Takahashi Family
Neishi, Alice
Ryujin, Gail & Gail
Taniguchi, Gary & Teresa
Tominaga, Anne & Gary
Umezumi, Rev. Kodo & Janet
Utsurogi, Hajime & Barbara
Wong, Larry & Taniwa-Wong, Janie

NOKOTSUDO

Harry Kurotori Family

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Aoki, Miho
December General Donation
Aoki, Miho
Doi, Setsuko
Fukawa Family
Keikoan, Gail
In Memory of Ron Sato
Keikoan, Judy & Lisa
In Memory of Ron Sato
Nakaya Family
In Memory of Chiyo Nakaya
Nomura, June & Ron
*In memory of Makota Otsuka -
7th year, Steve Yunge - 7th Year*
Otsuka, Lorraine
*In memory of Makota Otsuka -
7th year, Steve Yunge - 7th Year*
Otsuka, Mary
*In memory of Makota Otsuka -
7th year, Steve Yunge - 7th Year*
Otsuka, Mary
Supplies
Rivera-Otake, Julia
Joya-E Service
Ryujin, Gail & Gail
Sakai, Jeff
Duane Sakai, 49th Day Service
Sato Family
In Memory of Ron Sato
Stuchiner, Patricia
*In memory of Makota Otsuka -
7th year, Steve Yunge - 7th Year*
Tamori, Kathy
Inurment Shizuko Tamori
Terusaki, Steve & Kathy
Joya-E Service

SHOTSUKI

Aochi, Lorraine, Justine
Mem of Joan Aochi - 1st year
Diane Shigematsu, Doug & Kendra
Shigematsu, Alan & Jill Stone
Mem of David Shigematsu
Donna Umeki & Mark Greenside
Mem of Lou Minamoto, Sheila Umeki

Endo, Kathy
Mem of Isao Thomas Ikemiya
Hashimoto, Karen
*Mem of David Shigematsu, Kuniko
Masuda, Yoshiko Tanisawa*
Hayame, Cheryl
Mem of Dorothy Nomiyama
Hayashida, Joanne
January Shotsuki
Hiromoto, Sharon
Mem of Fred Hiromoto
Isono, Richard & Gail
Mem of Tomi Isono 1st year
Kano, Judy
Kanzaki, Al & Mihar
Mem of Chiyono Kanzaki
Kaplan, Harvey & Gay
Mem of Lou Minamoto
Katsumoto, Emiko
Mem of Ichiro Endo
Kawata, Jean
Mem of Hisajiro Tsuboi
Kihara, Jimmy
Minamoto, John
Mem of Lou Minamoto
Minamoto, Ed & Mabel
Mem of Lou Minamoto
Nakaso, Lynn & Peter
Mem of Tosh Shibata
Nomura, Ron & June
Sakauye, Keiko
Mem of Toki Nakamura
Sasaki, Raymond
Mem of Hisaki Sasaki
Sato, Helen
Mem of Kenji Suzuki
Tamori, Bob
*Mem of Shizuko Tamori,
Yoshihiro Tamori*
Tani, Ed
Mem of Tamotsu Tani, Fumie Tarora
Terusaki, Steve & Kathy
Mem of Lily Yuriko Terusaki
Toyofuku, Donald & Yurika
*Mem of Sachiko Toyofuku,
Yoshi Toyofuku*
Toyofuku, Susan
*Mem of Sachiko Toyofuku,
Yoshiaki Kawaoka - 13th year*
Umemoto, Yasuko
Mem of George Umemoto
Umemoto, Yasuko
Mem of Totaro Umemoto
Utsurogi, Hajime & Barbara
Mem of Yukie Utsurogi
Utsurogi, Louise
January Shotsuki

MARCH 2026

HOST 3: JON TAKAGAKI

SUN

MON

TUE

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SAT

01	02	03	04	05	06	07
<p>10:00 am Dharma School & Dharma Family Service In person & online</p> <p>11:00 am Shotsuki Memorial Service In person & online</p>			<p>7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 am Momijikai</p> <p>10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan</p> <p>6:30 pm Japanese Language School</p>		<p>9:30 am Japanese Language School</p> <p>Koto Workshop 2:00 pm</p>
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
<p>10:00 am Dharma Family Service – Transbay Dharma Exchange In person & online</p> <p>11:30 am OBWA Meeting</p>				<p>10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan</p> <p>11:00 am Concord Howakai</p> <p>6:30 pm Japanese Language School</p>		<p>9:30 am Japanese Language School</p> <p>11:00 am Bazaar Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>1:00 pm Study Class</p> <p>1:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>10:00 am Spring Ohigan & Dharma School Service In person & online</p> <p>10:45 am Dharma Chat</p>		<p>7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7:00 pm FOMC Meeting Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee</p>	<p>10:00 am Momijikai</p> <p>10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan</p> <p>6:30 pm Japanese Language School</p>	<p>Busshin Articles Due</p>	<p>9:30 am Japanese Language School</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>No In-person Service Oakland Running Festival</p> <p>10:00 am Dharma Family Service Online only</p>				<p>10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan</p> <p>6:30 pm Japanese Language School</p> <p>7:00 pm Task Force on Finance</p>		<p>9:30 am Japanese Language School</p>
29	30	31				
<p>10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online</p> <p>12:00 OBWA Spring Luncheon</p>						

APRIL 2026

HOST 4: DONALD ENDO

SUN

MON

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SAT

			01	02	03	04
			7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School Koto Workshop 2:00 pm
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10:00 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial & Adult Dharma Service In person & online				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 11:00 am Concord Howakai No Japanese Language School		No Japanese Language School 11:00 am Bazaar Planning Committee Meeting 1:00 pm Study Class 1:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 am Kanbutsu 10:00 am Hanamatsuri & Dharma School Service In person & online 3:00 pm Ashland Howakai		7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 pm FOMC Meeting Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School
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10:00 am Dharma Family Service In person & online 10:45 am Dharma Chat				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School	Busshin Articles Due	9:30 am Japanese Language School
26	27	28	29	30		
10:00 am Pets Memorial & Dharma School Service In person & online				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School 7:00 pm Task Force on Finance		9:30 am Japanese Language School