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Welcoming Change BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

JUNE IS ALWAYS A FULL MONTH for our Sangha. We mark the end of the “school year” – the Dharma School year anyway! – with our Graduation Service. It can seem like we “take the summer off” after that, but of course that isn’t true. Not only have we moved the June Shotsuki to the second Sunday, but we also have one of our biggest events of the year – Bazaar!

Due to the funny calendar this year – June 1 is on a Monday – our Bazaar will be held on **June 20** – still Father’s Day Weekend but it just seems later than usual.

We have also moved the *Hatsumairi* Infant Presentation to the Graduation service. This is a wonderful event marking the beginning of a relationship with the Buddhist

Church of Oakland. Personally, I love having this event where we welcome someone new at the same time that we say congratulations to our high school graduates as they prepare to embark on the next stage in their lives – we can see the various stages of life in action.

Speaking of beginnings, I would
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President’s Message BY STEVE TERUSAKI

IT’S ALMOST TIME! TEMPLE BAZAAR season has started in the Bay Area and our own BCO Bazaar and Food Festival is on the near horizon. This month’s Busshin as well as last month’s May Busshin has 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. As we’ve come out of the pandemic, we no

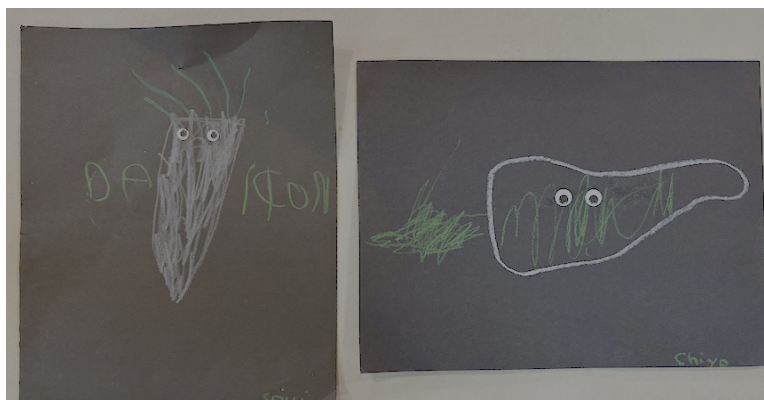
longer exhaust ourselves in a two-day marathon, but now allow our fathers to be able to enjoy a relaxing Father’s Day after their hard work on Saturday. The church is extremely appreciative for their sacrifice and dedication. Our Bazaar & Food Festival also couldn’t
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IN MARCH, TEACHER SAMI TAUGHT the 2nd-6th grade class, reflecting on *Ohigan*. Together, they explored the idea of moving from “this shore” — a place of unkindness, distraction, or frustration — to the “other shore,” a place of focus, generosity, and thoughtfulness. Students shared practical ways to help themselves journey to the other shore, with many noting that having snacks on hand can make a big difference in avoiding “hanger”! They then drew pictures of what each shore looked like for them.

In April, Dharma School students brought their stuffed animals to decorate the *Hanamido* for *Hanamatsuri*. The PreK-1st grade class continued their yearlong exploration of interconnectedness through the lens of immigration, farmworkers, and the vegetables we eat. Students listened to *Ghosts for Breakfast* by **Todd Terasaki**, a story connecting immigration, farmworkers

and Japanese American farmers. In the story, Japanese American farmworkers grow daikon and encounter a spooky surprise. To reflect, students created their own daikon artwork on black paper and googly eyes. Inspired by the story, students also had the opportunity to taste pickled daikon while they worked — a hands-on (and flavorful!) way to connect story and experience. Meanwhile, the 2nd-6th grade class returned to planning their three ongoing projects, collaborating and building on their ideas together.

Also in April, **Rev. Bridge** and Co-Superintendent and teacher **Melyssa Minamoto** attended the annual Federation Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) Conference at Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, centered on the theme “*Making the Dharma Come Alive*.” The conference featured guest speakers including **BCA Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada** and magic story artist **Yasu Ishida**, along with

engaging workshops on storytelling, *story-gami*, and *kamishibai*.

Dharma School extends a huge Congratulations to **Madison I.** on her high school graduation! We will remain connected with **Madison** from her years participating in Dharma School, through the lessons she has helped teach students, and for all her help at the Halloween parties over several years as a Jr. YBA member. We wish **Madison** the best in the next step of her journey!

We are incredibly grateful for the Pets Memorial donations from **Renie Grohl** (in memory of *Rosie, Scooter, Chuck and Midge*), **Gary and Anne Tominaga** (in memory of *Pepper*), and **Don and Kathy Endo** (in memory of *JT*).

A very Happy Birthday to **Naija G., Ash H., Maru M., Wixom P.-H.**

Upcoming Dharma School dates: **5/17, 5/31 and 6/7.** ■

Senior Reflections

BY MADISON IKEDA



TO THIS DAY I HOLD THE MEMORY

of my first time dancing at *Obon* as a young girl. I begged my mom to put my hair in a bun, and the ladies in the *Issei kai kan* were so patient with me as I struggled to hold my arms up for so long and hold my breath while they were tying my obi so tight. When the dancing was about to begin, I started to get cold feet, but my mom encouraged me to go. I didn't know any of the dances. I did my best to mirror whoever was dancing in front of me and panicked when I didn't know if I should be holding a fan or *kachi kachi*, but, thankfully, **Mayumi Nomura** and the Jr. YBA members were always there to help me. Afterwards, I remember feeling completely exhausted, my feet aching and buying the last of the spam *musubi* (yum!). This reflection isn't about the stress or fatigue surrounding the experience, it's about the gratitude I felt towards those around me - the women who helped me put on my *yukata*, the older Dharma school students taking me under their wings and keeping an eye on me through the experience, and especially those who made those amazing, life-saving spam *musubi*!

Ever since I started going to church, I have felt the support of the sangha. **Reverend Bridge** and **Reverend Endo**, whose Dharma talks, kindness, and guidance have shaped my values and outlooks on life. **Miss Maya**, **Miss Melyssa**, **my mom**, **Miss Donna**, **Miss Gloria**, and **Miss Jun** who always managed to find new fun, creative, and engaging ways to present Dharma lessons. My teammates and coaches from the "Rams" basketball team, and



everyone in the BCO office who let me hang out when I was younger. I fondly remember chatting with **Mrs. Hiromoto**, and sitting at her desk drawing pictures, and **Mr. Minamoto** who was always close by to help with anything I might need if my **auntie Doris** stepped away. Lastly, **Josh Lang** and **Jordan Kim** who I had the pleasure of working with in the Jr. YBA and building many memories with. I am eternally grateful to the sangha for the sense of belonging that I have been able to experience. The people who I have crossed paths with at church and the experiences I have had over the years have helped me to grow into the person I am today, and continue to encourage me to lead a life of compassion, dedication, patience, and mindfulness. I have learned to persevere through the difficult times, appreciate and enjoy the good times, and have made it an ongoing goal to help those that are less fortunate than me.

I remember one particular Dharma talk that **Reverend Bridge** once gave and that really resonates with me now as I am wrapping up my senior year in high school and preparing for college. He described how when he was first learning to drive he used to watch his rearview mirror a lot more than he should, which he said probably was not the best way to drive. He connected this to how we often worry too much about the past rather than focusing on what is ahead of us. It's okay to look behind you every now and then, but what you do with the opportunity in front of you is a lot more worthwhile.

Moving forward, I will be attending Colorado State University in the fall, majoring in Interior Design and Architecture and minoring in Spanish. As this new journey begins, I will continue to stay rooted in everything the past has taught me while remembering to focus on the road ahead of me. Thank you. ■

125th Anniversary Celebration Update

BY PEGGY TAKAHASHI &
JON TAKAGAKI



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF *Compassion and Gratitude*

125TH FUNDRAISING (NOV 1, 2025-APRIL 23, 2026)

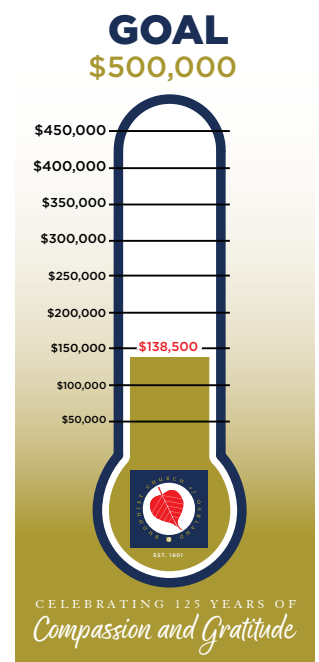
We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following for their generous gifts and support of BCO's 125th anniversary fundraising campaign.

For information regarding the 125th fundraising campaign, please visit the BCO website at <https://buddhistchurchofoakland.org>, email the church office at officebco@gmail.com, or call the church office at 510-832-5988.

Abrahamson, Norman & Susan
Ashizawa, Eunice & Phil
Bergland & Masuyama,
Harry & June
Buddhist Church of
Oakland Golf
Cho, Diane
Dougherty, Bill & Leslie
Eastly, John & Stacy
Endo, Donald & Kathy
Endow, Greg & Susan
Fujimoto, Gloria
Fujimoto, Kayoko
Futaba & Pahta, Pati & Jon
Grohl, Renie
Hashimoto, Karen
Hisaoka, Jeffrey
Horii, Thea
Kano, Judy
Kanzaki, Albert & Miharu
Kaplan, Gay & Harvey
Kong, Tina
Lamont & Takahashi,
Alan & Peggy

Lawrence, Gary & Maya
Makishima, Dennis & Joanne
Minamoto, David
Minamoto, John
*In memory of Jisaku & Tokio
Minamoto, Yuki Minamoto, Toshi
& Harue Minamoto, Isoko & Kay
Umeki, Lou Minamoto, Tomiko
Minamoto*
Minamoto, John
*In memory of Sataro & Ayako
Hirai, Mitsuru Hirai*
Mitsuda, Mary Hatsuko
Miyamori, Elaine
Miyamoto-Mills, Jarred & Janis
Miyasaki, Cathryn
Morimoto, Aki & Marge
Murata, Carolyn & Ronald
Nagata, Brian
Neishi, Alice
Nishimura, Keith & Valerie
Orans, Meta
Oto & Brown, Carrie & Brad
Otsuka, Mary

Ryujin, Gail & Gail
Sakai Kim, Cindy & Henri
Sakaki, Judy
Sasaki, Sachiyo
Seiki, Richard & Tsuneko
Shimamoto, Mark
Shiraishi, Richard & Mimi
Shohara, Teruko
Lamont & Takahashi,
Alan & Peggy
Taniguchi, Gary & Teresa
Tominaga, Gary & Anne
Tsujiimoto-Cho, Gail & Andy
Umezumi, Rev. Kodo & Janet
Utsurogi, Hajime (Larry)
Wong & Taniwa, Larry & Janie
Yamamoto, Bruce & Cindy
Yokomizo, Joyce
Yokomizo, Tom
Yokoyama, Eddie & Terry
Yoshisato, Reiko
Yoshisato Cavey, Janis



Our 125th celebration lunch will be on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center following a special service at church. Tickets for the luncheon are \$75 per person. Tickets will go on sale first to BCO members via a link on the BCO website on **Monday, June 1** or you may call the BCO office at 510.832.5988. After June 15, remaining tickets will go on sale to the greater BCO community. Look for additional details in the June Busshin.

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. ■



BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND'S
125th Anniversary
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday
October 17, 2026
12:30pm

Oakland Asian
Cultural Center
388 Ninth St., Oakland



FEATURING

SHIRLEY KAZUYO MURAMOTO
Koto

BRIAN WONG
Koto

REVEREND HARRY BRIDGE
Bass Guitar

MIHARU OKAMURA
Singer

MIKO SHUDO
Singer

RYAN YAMAMOTO
Emcee. KPIX 5 Anchor

TICKET SALES
START JUNE 1
Seating is limited, act soon.
Tickets: \$75.00



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CELEBRATING
125 YEARS OF
*Compassion
and
Gratitude*

For more information scan the
QR code or email
bco125@buddhistchurchofOakland.org



Buddhist Church of Oakland

BCO Bazaar & Food Festival

Saturday June 20, 2026

12 Noon - 6pm

825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

2 blocks from Lake Merritt BART Station

A Day Filled with Great Food and Family Fun!

On-Site Dining Throughout the Day.

Enjoy Our Delicious

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Steak Teriyaki
- Variety of Sushi Items, Including Saba Sushi
- Pastry Shop (including Kuri Manju)
- Udon

OBWA Gift Shop & Silent Auction

Children's Games

Raffle with Terrific Prizes



More Info



For more info: call 510-832-5988 or visit buddhistchurchofoakland.org



AROUND 40 OBWA MEMBERS

and friends enjoyed delicious Middle Eastern fare from La Méditerranée of Berkeley and played bingo at our Spring Luncheon on March 29, 2026. We welcomed new OBWA members **Anne Maramba-Ferrell**, **Cindy Yamamoto**, and **Keiko Yamamoto**. **Carol Thunen**, Chair, along with help from **Tina Kong** and **Carol Neishi**, made this annual event a fun gathering. **Carol** created centerpieces featuring potted mini roses surrounded by bunnies and eggs filled with a variety of treats. The event was expertly emceed by **Maya Lawrence**. Props to **John Minamoto** for his bingo calling expertise and his assistant **Jon Takagaki**.

On *April 7*, local artist **Eiko Nishida** gave a small group of us a tour of the Kala Art Institute Studio where she produces her work. There, she explained the silk screen process as well as how prints are made. Eiko described where she gets her creative inspirations and showed us some of her large scale public installations. We were also able to watch a large linocut print being made by a resident artist. It was a fascinating tour.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Hanamatsuri card sales on April 12. The OBWA appreciates your support!

The OBWA is hosting the *Bay District Buddhist Women's League Conference this year on May 16 at BCO*. The conference theme is "May All Beings Be Happy and Well: Spiritual, Mental and Physical Health". **Bishop Marvin Harada** will be our keynote speaker. We will also have two workshops featuring **Karen Owoc**, KRON health expert, and **Norma Hoshide**, BCO's Momijikai yoga director. **Norma** will lead us in breathing and chair yoga exercises.

Patti Hisaoka and **Carol Thunen** are co-chairing this event with help from conference committee members **Tina Kong**, **Maya Lawrence**, **June Masuyama**, **Carol Neishi**, **Sabrina Shepard**, **Kathy Terusaki**, and **Carol Thunen**. The conference starts at **9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.**

BAZAAR ON JUNE 20

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Salmon Bento Fundraiser on April 18 and on the days before the event. Many hands make short work!

See pg 8 for Volunteer schedules for Bazaar preparation. OBWA is grateful for your help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our next OBWA potluck lunch meeting will be on **July 12, 2026 after service ~ 11:30.**

2026 OBWA MEETING DATES

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.

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 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 Terusaki**.

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. ■

OBWA Bazaar Volunteer Schedule 2026

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 | TBA AND THURSDAY JUNE 18 | TBA

SABA PREP SCHEDULE	Valerie & Keith Nishimura	Dennis Katayama	Brian Endo
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FRIDAY JUNE 19 | TBA

SABA PREP SCHEDULE	Valerie & Keith Nishimura	June Masuyama	Steve Oto
	Sabrina Shepard	Brian Endo	Karen Hashimoto
	Dennis Katayama	Judy Kano	Pam Suda
		Carrie Oto	

If any of the above people are not able to work this shift, please contact **June Masuyama** at jimasu@gmail.com.

SATURDAY JUNE 20 6:00AM

HELP NEEDED TO MAKE INARI, SPAM AND SABA SUSHI, BOIL NOODLES AND TWIRL

	11:45AM-2:15PM	2:00PM-4:30PM	4:15PM-6:15PM
SABA	June Masuyama** (510) 301-4727 Valerie Nishimura Sabrina Shepard	Stacie Hiramoto Dennis Katayama Carol Neishi	Pam Suda Anne Tominaga Tina Kong
SUSHI/SPAM	Maya Lawrence** (925) 518-0424 Kristin Hashimoto	Gloria Fujimoto Linda Nakamura	Susan Abrahamson Lianne Tsujimoto-Wong
UDON	Judy Kano** (510) 886-8374 Gail Cho Peggy Takahashi Anne Maramba-Ferrell	Sara Kashima Donna Yokomizo Renie Grohl Stacy Nii-Eastly	Mabel Minamoto Carrie Oto Louise Utsurogi
KURI MANJI BAKE SALE	Linda Minamoto** (925) 699-7942 Norma Hoshide	Kim Nasu-Best Cindy Yamamoto	Volunteers Needed

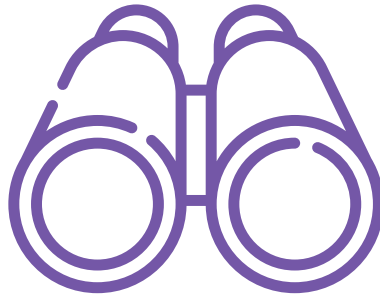
** Indicates Shift Captain who is responsible for contacting everyone for shift. If unable to make your shift, contact your Shift Captain, **Patti Hisaoka** (925) 699-4066 or **Kathy Terusaki** (510) 612-7542

	11:30AM-3:00PM	3:00PM-6:00PM
GIFT SHOP	Dana Hiramoto Kathy Endo Janis Miyamoto-Mills	Gail Tsujimoto-Cho Pati Futaba Christine Kamita

If any of the above are not able to work this gift shop shift, please contact **Dana Hiramoto** at dana.hira@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Silent Auction Items Requested!



The silent auction at BCO's Bazaar and Food Festival is a popular and fun opportunity to bid on appealing and captivating items in support of our annual fundraiser.

We would especially be grateful for your donations of items that generate lots of interest and active bidding, to include:

- Hosting a group dinner
- Gift certificates to restaurants and cafes
- Excursions or gift certificates to wineries and wine tastings
- Certificates to entertainment events and venues
- Tickets to our bay area sports teams
- Stays at timeshares and vacation homes
- Gift certificates and cards of all kinds; e.g., retail stores, museums, amusement parks, etc.



Please bring or mail your donation to the church office (825 Jackson St., Oakland, CA 94607). If you have questions, please contact the church office at 510-832-5988 or by email at officebco@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your help!



AFTER THE CHANTING OF JUSEIGE led by Rev. Bridge and our Yoga session led by Norma Hoshide, we were treated to a very special lunch at our April 2nd gathering. Our lunch was prepared by the REACH West Adult Program. This is a community-based day program for special needs adults. The mission of this organization is to enrich the lives of those with special needs and to promote independence and physical well-being. Andy Cho and Gail Tsujimoto-Cho, members of our temple, are founding members of



this program. The Thursday sessions are held in the Issei Kaikan building where the clients are taught cooking, nutrition and healthy eating practices.

Our very delicious lunch consisted of lasagna, green salad with chick pea croutons and a yogurt-based dressing, and a yummy apple galette for dessert. Many Momijikai members asked for the recipes. We were then given a presentation introducing us to the REACH West Program and we had a chance to meet some of the members. More information can be found at reachwest.org.



We didn't have a special lunch for our April 16th meeting but we had very special occasions to celebrate, the birthdays of Ruby Hiramoto (105 years young!) and our yoga instructor, Norma Hoshide. Karen Hashimoto baked a beautiful birthday cake. More desserts (butter mochi-Carrie Oto, strawberry cake-Dana Hiramoto) followed our croissant sandwiches, potato salad and Caesar salad (Carrie) lunch. We had feasts and fun for both April meetings! Join us on the first and third Thursdays of the month. ■

BCO Bazaar & Food Festival VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Friday,
June 19, 2026**

- Food Prep
- Indoor & Outdoor Setup

**Saturday,
June 20, 2026**

- Food Prep & Packaging
- Indoor & Outdoor Setup - Food Booths, Tent Construction, Tables & Chairs, Staffing Booths
- Deconstruction (following Bazaar Closing)

PLEASE CONTACT:

Call: BCO Office: 510-832-5988

Email: officeBCO@buddhistchurchfoakland.org or Jon Takagaki (jtaka1014@gmail.com)

Additional Details and Times to Follow



Charitable Giving Option for 125th Anniversary Gifts

BY JON TAKAGAKI

IN THE NOVEMBER 2025 BUSSHIN BRUCE YAMAMOTO WROTE AN ARTICLE REGARDING CHARITABLE GIVING and the donation strategy of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This is a tool that maximizes charitable giving opportunities with a positive tax impact.

With **Bruce's** permission, the 125th Fundraising Committee would like to reprint his article as a reminder of this charitable giving option. You may wish to consider this option or have family members or friends who may be interested in using this tool.

On a personal note, **Linda and I** used a QCD to provide our 125th anniversary gift and there have been several other Sangha members who have done the same.

Here is **Bruce's** article, with an updated 2026 QCD maximum giving limit. ■

Charitable Giving

BY BRUCE YAMAMOTO

THE BCO FINANCE COMMITTEE would like to remind you of a tax smart strategy for charitable giving, specifically geared to Sangha retirement-age individuals with IRAs. The strategy maximizes charitable giving while minimizing taxes.

A Smart Giving Strategy

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a powerful donation tool that benefits both the donor and the recipient. Anyone aged 70-1/2 or older is eligible to make a 100% tax-free donation from their traditional IRA to a qualified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

In addition, anyone aged 73 or older can use a QCD to offset their annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Reducing your RMD saves you from paying taxes on the distribution, and can also reduce the annual premium surcharges you may pay for Medicare Parts B & D. A QCD essentially lowers your taxable income, and at the same time is a great way to make a positive impact to your favorite charities and community.

Example: Your RMD for 2026 is \$50,000. But you only need \$30,000 for expenses. You decide to make a QCD donation of \$20,000. The result is you owe taxes on only \$30,000 of your RMD, because the \$20,000 QCD is 100% non-taxable. Thus, your 2026 gross income is reduced by \$20,000.

The Buddhist Church of Oakland is a qualified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

How It Works

QCDs are direct transfers from your IRA to the charity. You'll need to contact your IRA custodian to initiate the transfer, and the donation will be sent directly to your chosen charity. It is worth noting that some financial institutions will instead cut a check, payable to the charity, and mail the check to you. You would in turn hand deliver or mail the check to the charity.

In 2026, the QCD maximum giving limit is \$111,000.

Although QCDs are not taxable, they must be reported on your federal tax return. It is an easy process but please consult with your tax preparer

or see IRS publication 590-B for more information. Lastly, QCDs are applicable regardless of whether you use the standard deduction or itemize on your tax return.

If you make a QCD contribution to BCO, please notify Doris and provide her your name and donation amount. This will help ensure your contribution is properly recorded, tracked and acknowledged. ■

DEADLINE FOR JULY 2026 BUSSHIN

ARTICLES: MAY 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.

Spring Salmon Bento Fundraiser

BY JON TAKAGAKI

ON BEHALF OF THE BCO BOARD of Directors and the 125th Anniversary Committee, our deepest gratitude to our Sangha members and friends of the Sangha for your support of our salmon bento fundraiser on April 18, benefiting our 125th anniversary fundraising campaign!

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who prepared and cooked the menu items, put the bentos together, and organized and passed out the bentos during the drive-thru pick-up. We prepared and sold 280 bentos and raised \$6,000 for the 125th campaign!

My deepest appreciation to the team who planned and oversaw our fundraiser event. This team includes **Rev. Bridge, Rev. Endo, Doris Okano, Jean Kawata, John Minamoto, and Norman Yoshida.**

A huge thank you to **Rev. Michael** for planning the menu, overseeing

the food preparations, and doing a large share of the cooking. We have received some nice comments on our menu of *miso* salmon, rice, *nishime*, cucumber and napa cabbage *tsukemono*, and broccoli *gomae*.

I wish to extend our deepest gratitude to **Carrie Oto**, who single-handedly baked the delicious chocolate chip and matcha cookies that were included in the bento. Thank you, **Carrie**, for all the time and effort you spent baking the cookies, making our bento extra special!

Only with the dedication and commitment of our volunteers were we able to have another successful bento fundraiser. Many thanks!

**Harry Bergland
Mika Bridge
Leslie Dougherty
Brian Endo
Don Endo
Anne Ferrell**

**Gloria Fujimoto
Galen Gorelangton
Karen Hashimoto
Jeffrey Hisaoka
Patti Hisaoka
Joanne Makishima
Carlo Manaois
June Masuyama
Val Nishimura
Gayle Noguchi
Robert Noguchi
Carrie Oto
Valerie Otsuka
Gail Ryujin
Mark Shimamoto
Linda Takagaki
Peggy Takahashi
Keiju Terada
Gary Tominaga
Bruce Yamamoto**

Thanks to the Sangha and friends of the Sangha for your continued support of BCO! ■

BCO Acknowledgements & Thank you's

BY STEVE TERUSAKI

REV. BRIDGE OVERSAW THE year-end Youth Club banquet which required two groups of seating - approximately 230 people. **Rev. Bridge & Jon Takagaki** helped to coordinate the annual event with Youth Club President, **Kristina Yoshida**. And to the many who helped in cleaning up after the event - a special thank you.

Special thanks to **Norman Yoshida & Sean Yoshida** for clearing the balcony in the social hall and installing new metal shelving for storage.

Special thanks to **Norman**

Yoshida & Jon Takagaki for replacing 20 light bulbs with new LED bulbs in the Issei Kaikan building.

Special thanks to **John Minamoto & Jon Takagaki** for preparing the Bazaar & Food Festival raffle ticket mailing.

A big thank you to **Keiju Terada** for recently mopping the entire Social Hall floor after recent events such as the Youth Club banquet and funeral otoki's.

Thank you to **HOST 4** chaired by **Don Endo** in April and **HOST 5** chaired by **Jared Miyamoto-Mills** in May for all

their efforts in providing hospitality refreshments and otoki, welcoming greeters, church clean-up and the myriad of other tasks needed around the Church.

I would also like to give a special shout-out to all of our Committee volunteers (the unsung heroes) who are doing yeoman's duty to ensure the operations of the Church are being addressed. Their time along with their expertise and skills are invaluable. Thank you!
Gassho,
Steve Terusaki ■

Welcoming Change CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

also like to officially announce that **Galen Gorelangton** is starting as our new Minister's Assistant (MA for short). **Galen** is from Reno, Nevada, and started taking classes at the Institute of Buddhist Studies during the pandemic. He aspires to become a BCA minister. He has already completed the Certificate in Shin Buddhist Studies and is now in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program.

He will be helping **Rev. Endo** and me, learning what goes on at a BCA temple, how to set up for service, and so on. Please say hi to him if you get a chance!

Change comes up a lot in this article - different dates, new people - so maybe we can see this as an opportunity to be aware of change and how it makes us feel. It can be somewhat unnerving, but as Buddhists

we can remember that change is an important aspect of Impermanence, one of the core teachings that we often hear about. So through it all - welcoming new life, celebrating our graduates, greeting a new assistant, and working hard and enjoying our Bazaar - let's try to be mindful of change and recite the *Nembutsu*! ■

President's Message CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

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 my colleague, **Jon Takagaki** and all the organizations, vendors and donors that support and make our event 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 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.

As we move into summer, the frenzy of activity that starts with the Bazaar & Food Festival culminates

with our **Obon Festival on Saturday, August 1st**. This month you'll find a form for honoring your loved ones with a Memorial Lantern tag that will be hung from lanterns above the Odori (dance) area on Jackson Street. Please remember to return the form to the Church office by **Sunday, July 26th**.

An initiative that I have been promoting at the BCA level is finding emerging lay leaders for our temples and churches. The BCA is promoting a formal lay leadership development program supported by the donations received through the Dharma Forward Campaign. Individuals who wish to participate in the four-month program will be able to elevate the skills that can benefit them in their careers and in their participation in leadership positions at the temple/church.

If you are interested in the program please email me at: terusaki@gmail.com for more information. And, please submit an Expression of Interest form available by clicking on the QR code.

Writing this article at the beginning of May, it always seems that time marches on at too fast a pace.

Let us take time to reflect and offer gratitude to the many individuals and organizations that make the Buddhist Church of Oakland so valuable to each and every one of us. For those new to our sangha, please consider becoming a member. It is in being part of the sangha that one can truly see the value of the Three Treasures. May we find in the Nembutsu teachings a profound source of meaning that continues to guide and sustain us as we look forward to this upcoming month. ■





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Speaker:

Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge
Resident Minister
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*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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2026 June Shotsuki Memorial Service

Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 10:00 am PDT

Dharma Message: Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge

The June Shotsuki Memorial Service will be held together with the Dharma Family Service at 10:00 AM on June 14 at 10:00 am. The service will be both in-person and streaming online, with the recording available afterwards. Family and friends are invited attend and/or view this monthly memorial service for those listed below. 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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			7:00 PM Executive Committee Board Meeting	10:00 am Momijikai 10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 6:30 pm Japanese Language School		9:30 am Japanese Language School
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
10:00 am Graduation and Infant Presentation Service 11:30 am Luncheon				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 11:00 am Concord Howakai		1:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 am Shotsuki Monthly Memorial & Adult Dharma Service In person & online		7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:00 pm (FOMC Meeting Facilities Operations & Maintenance Committee)	No Momijikai No REACH West	Bazaar & Food Festival Preparation	Bazaar & Food Festival
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No Service				10:00 am REACH West Issei Kaikan 7:00 pm Task Force on Finance	Busshin Articles Due	1:00 pm Introduction to Buddhism Class
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HOST 7: DELIA & ERIC IKEDA

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