

GOT FIRED, WENT CAMPING

By Nina Rizzo

Buddhism teaches us that we are not in control of our lives and that we shouldn't judge things as good or bad.

When I got let go on a Tuesday afternoon, I went on vacation early—the very next day. Coincidentally and lucky for me, it was the same week as the annual group camping trip organized by the Yamashitas in Calaveras Big Trees State Park. I knew that with our temple community, I would be greeted by people who understand causes and conditions in a bigger sense than just “you couldn't do the job.” I would be supported by people who would not judge my character based on employment status. I would be reminded that I am one part of a much bigger whole—the Golden Chain.

It was my first time attending the group camping trip! Last year it was canceled due to the pandemic, and everyone was delighted we could get together again. It was incredibly well-organized, everyone pitched in with cooking and cleaning assignments, and a warm exuberance permeated the air. Every day I saw examples of teamwork, met new people and learned how we are connected/related to one another, and heard how this annual tradition came to be in the first place (thanks Rev. Imai for telling Artie he should take the Dharma School camping!). We swam at two lakes, some folks went to caverns, went mountain climbing, golfing, wine tasting, and I went hiking through giant sequoias so ancient the dinosaurs saw them too. We began and

ended each day together with scrumptious meals prepared with care, taking a moment to say the nembutsu and itadakimasu. The younger folks turned old-school Bingo into a drinking game (adapting traditions! here for it!), and my aunties and uncles showed they cared by asking where I was hiking alone. I had a fun time and will definitely return. Also, it's not everyday you get to see your friends get engaged—congratulations Scotty and Sarah!

There's lots I can say of the job I “tried on” and how it wasn't a good fit, but one of the lessons is that despite my best attempt to create a financially stable future, ironically, I've become unemployed. The causes and conditions of my life are stronger than my individual effort. The



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2021



Date	Day	Time	Event
5	Sunday		Family Service
6	Monday		Labor Day
12	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Shotsuki Service (monthly memorial)
		11:00 a.m.	WBA meeting
19	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Higan service
21	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Temple board meeting
25	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	NAD committee meeting (Zoom)
26	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service

October

3	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Family service
10	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Shotsuki Service (monthly memorial)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER TOBAN

(Toban #3) Naomi Yamada, Kim Chew, Mashi Eshima Johnson, Julie Kihara, Connie, Morita, Dorise Ouye, Kellie Ouye, Lesli Jo Sawada, Carrie Yoshida, Lorraine Yoshikawa.

SUNDAY SERVICE

We will continue live-streaming our Sunday services via Facebook. You DO NOT NEED a Facebook account in order to view the live-stream. Just go to the link on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. You will also be able to watch the service later if you miss the initial 10:00 a.m. broadcast. Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/berkeleyhigashi/live>.

We hope the coronavirus situation is resolved soon. And so we look forward to future events, which we hope will start up again in the near future. Please check out the calendar on our website for the latest

schedules and information.
<https://www.bombu.org/>

B UDDHISM LEARNING GROUP

What does it mean to recite "Namu Amidabutsu"? I talk about "Amida's primal vow" in my Dharma talks. Those words are very important for us to live by. But do you know the origin of them? For a deeper understanding of Buddhism, please join me and others to read Shoshinge and discuss the meaning behind Shinran's words. Take a late lunch break and learn together. The online class runs from 1:00-1:45 pm every Monday. Please contact me. Reverend Ryoko Osa: ryoko.osa@gmail.com.

S HOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

We will hold the Shotsuki monthly memorial service on Sept. 12 at 10 a.m via Facebook. The following families will observe memorials

for loved ones this month: *James Ikenaga, Jean Nagatomi, Kizo Doi, Kunitaka Higuchi, Rita Iris Garvey, Shoji Kubota, Hiroshi Kubota, Taiyo McCarthy, Tomio Komori, Tomoye Kamio, Toshiye Tanji, Yuan-Yuan Pong, Inoue.*

F ALL HIGAN SERVICE

To commemorate the Autumn equinox, when day and night for a single day become equal in length, we hold a traditional Buddhist service called Higan. The Higan service will be on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. Please join us.

S CHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship, provided by the Sajiro Morita Memorial Scholarship Fund, is available in the amount of \$1,000 is available to high school seniors graduating in 2021, and to

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college and trade school students. The fund was started several years ago by Shigeru Moritain memory of his father Sajiro Morita and has received subsequent donations from the Morita family. Only temple members and their children are eligible to apply. Applications may be requested by contacting the temple. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2020. The award will be presented at our Ho-onko service in November.

Anyone can make contributions to the scholarship fund so that we can

continue to support members who wish to pursue their educational goals.

THE SUMMER FOOD SALE

The drive through food sale on July 25 was a huge success, with all our Chicken Teriyaki dinners, Oden, and Curry Rice selling out. Through the efforts of over 60 volunteers throughout the weekend, we were able to share our signature dishes and reconnect with the community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Temple a hub of activity once again!

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

For COVID 19 safety precautions and to save temple expenses, also in order to quickly notify temple members and friends of important information we are currently asking members to change their subscription format from the mailed paper version to email. If you have an email address, and would like a paperless subscription, please contact Rev. Osa at: ryoko.osa@gmail.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NEW FENCE PROJECT: *Jane Fujii, Tom Morioka, Mike Yatabe, Jimmy Kihara and Artie Yamashita*

KITCHEN REMODEL PROJECT: *Jane Fujii, Debbie Yatabe and Karen Morioka*

Thank you everyone for your donations, time, energy and support. Because of you, our temple exists for us and for future generations. Help us by calling or emailing the temple if names are inadvertently omitted from acknowledgements or donations. Domo arigato gozaimashita!

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experience of accepting a career risk and “failing” cannot be judged as good or bad because there are infinite effects that will follow that cannot be judged as good or bad. For one, if I hadn’t gotten fired, then I would not have had four bear encounters

on Friday morning while hiking to see the biggest sequoia in the park (25 ft. in diameter)—now a special memory since I lived to tell the tale! I don’t know what the future holds, but Buddhism teaches us that accepting impermanence and uncertainty will reduce

our suffering and help us appreciate the present moment. The present moment is all that is guaranteed. It’s moments like this in life when I take extra refuge in the Three Treasures—the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.



DONATIONS

2021 Pledges

Agnes Kubota Gotuaco	300
Tokumaru Raymond Fujii	150
Glenn Nagata	300
Ray & Junko Morodomi	250
Lynn Wade	200
Wayne Kurahara	50
Steve & Kim Chew	50

Temple donations

Jack Kanbara (In Memory of Mrs. Fumiko Kanbara)	500
Jack Kanbara (to Jr.YBA, In Memory of Mrs. Fumiko Kanbara)	100
Jack Kanbara (to Dharma School, In Memory of Mrs. Fumiko Kanbara)	100
Shannon & Satoko Davidson (2020 Fund Raising Drive)	100
Shannon & Satoko Davidson	100
Jack Kanbara (To ABA In Memory of Mrs. Fumiko Kanbara)	250

WBA

Jane Fujii & Family (Dick Fujii Golf Tournament)	100
Akiko Imai (get well wishes thank you)	50
Kanbara, Yamada & Hinson Families (In Memory of Mrs. Fumiko Kanbara)	250

Shotsuki Monthly Memorial

Michael & Pamela Yanaba (In memory of Noriko Yanaba)	25
Michael & Pamela Yanaba (In memory of Arvene Sasaki)	50

John & Lynn Wade (In memory of Robert Jung)	50
Jocelyn Jung (In memory of Robert Jung)	50
Roselyn Jung/Ramona Gonzalez (In memory of Robert Jung)	50
Kathryn Jung (In memory of Robert Jung)	25
John & Lynn Wade (In memory of Janet Jung)	50

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Roselyn Jung/Ramona Gonzalez (In memory of Janet Jung)	50
Kathryn Jung (In memory of Janet Jung)	25
Gerald & Barbara Hanabusa (In memory of Chiyoji Nagatoshi)	25
Alan Yanaba (In memory of Ichiji Yanaba)	50

Obon

Tokumaru Raymond Fujii	15
Eiko Iwata	50
Lisa & Kevin Toyama	50
Deborha Yatabe	50
Christine Fujii	50

Summer Food Sale

Connie Morita	50
Denice Nakano	110
Sachiye Toyofuku	100
Ken Fujii	30
Mieko Nakano	30
Allan & Nancy Hikoyeda	50
Alice & Dick Horio	50

Lisa Toyama	40
Akiko Imai	40
Janet Mitobe	30
Eiko Iwata	50
Steve Yatabe	20
Toshiko Mildred Nakai	130
Chris Fujii	30
Julie Kihara	10
Ann Kanazawa	100
Diane Nakamura	10
Jane Rouzer	100
Ellen Hashiguchi	25
Susan Kano	20
Arlene Hashimoto	50
Glenn Kameda	50
Tazuko Jitoshō	40
Hiro Taniguchi	50
Greg Takahashi	50
Tokumaru Raymond Fujii	100
Nina Costales & Robert Garvey	50
Gloria Wilmer	50
Irving Yamashita	300

Please note, donation acknowledgments will not appear in the Bombu on the same month as the donations are made due to processing time.

Summer Take Out



THE 21st ANNUAL BERKELEY OHTANI ABA GOLF TOURNAMENT



Date: **Monday**, Oct 4th, 2021

Place: Chardonnay Golf Course, Napa

Format: Scramble—Please invite your friends and make your own team

Check-In Time: 10:00 am (first tee time 10:39)

Fee: \$80/player (incl cart and lunch)

Return Entries by Sep 15th to Debbie Yatabe (dyatabe@comcast.net)

706 Atchison Dr, Vacaville 95687

Make checks payable to “Berkeley Higashi Honganji”

Prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to Pin.

Entry fee also includes ticket for raffle after round, must be present to win.

Player	Hdcp	Lunch (indicate hot dog, turkey or ham sandwich)



バークレー東本願寺会報

2021年9月号

9月お寺の行事予定

日曜礼拝のオンライン配信は<http://www.facebook.com/berkeleyhigashi/> live のリンクからどうぞ参加ください。Facebookのアカウントは不要です。

対面式での日曜礼拝の再開については、コロナウイルス感染の状況を見ながら委員会で検討しております。決定後はホームページで発表しますので、お寺のホームページからご確認ください。

5日(日)	午前10時	日曜礼拝
6日(月)		勤労感謝の祝日
12日(日)	午前10時	祥月法要、ダルマ・スクール
19日(日)	午前10時	秋季お彼岸法要
21日(火)	午後7時	仏教会定例理事会
25日(土)	午前10時	開教区委員会
26日(日)	午前10時	日曜礼拝、ダルマ・スクール

10月

3日(日)	午前10時	日曜礼拝、ダルマ・スクール
10日(日)	午前10時	祥月法要、ダルマ・スクール

8月当番(当番3): 山田直美、チュウ キム、えしま Johnston マシ、木原 ジュリー、森田 カーニー、大上ドリス、大上ケリー、さわだ レスリーショー、吉田カーリー、芳川ロレイン(敬称略)

ライブ配信祥月法要: 9月12日(日)午前10時より、祥月法要が勤められます。今月の施主は、池永、ナガトミ、土井、樋口、ガービー、窪田、マカーテイー、小森、カミオ、丹治、井上、近藤の諸家です。

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聖徳太子の1400回忌

長 良子

今年2021年は聖徳太子の1400回忌にあたり、日本では大きな記念法要や博物館での特別展が催されています。聖徳太子といえば一万円札の印象が強いのではないのでしょうか？日本のお札に最も多く登場した人物だそうで戦前に2回、戦後に5回もお札となっています。

聖徳太子が作ったとされる十七条憲法のうち「一に曰く、和を以って貴しとなし」から始まる第一条はとて有名です。「和を最も大切なものとし、争わないようにしなければなりません。人は仲間を集め群れをつくりたがり人格者は少ない。だから君主や父親にしたがわなかったり、近隣の人ともうまくいかない。しかし上の者が和やかで下の者も素直ならば、議論で対立することがあっても、おのずから道理にかないうちで調和する。そんな世の中になると何事も成就するものだ。」

この「和」の漢字は子供の名前にも多く使われています。

また親鸞聖人は聖徳太子を大変敬い、多くの歌(和讃)を残されました。

和国の教主聖徳皇

廣大恩徳謝しがたし

一心に帰命したてまつり

奉讃不退ならしめよ

現代語訳：日本に初めて仏教を説きひろめてくださった聖徳太子の広大な恩徳はどれほど感謝してもし尽せるものではない。その教えにしたがって一心に阿弥陀仏に帰命し、敬いたたえ続けなさい。親鸞聖人、七高僧、聖徳太子、お釈迦様から、私たちはどれほど広大な恩徳をいただいていることでしょうか。しかし私たちは、今を生きている自分の力で、あるいはこの数十年の現代を生きている周りの者の力でこの瞬間を生きているように勘違いしがちです。本当は数えきれない無量の方々のお慈悲によってこの瞬間このように生かされているのです。そしてその無量のはたらきを阿弥陀とお呼びし「南無阿弥陀仏」と私たちは称えているのです。

※ 日本語での仏教クラスは毎週木曜日午後5時に開催しております。どなたでも歓迎いたします。ご興味のある方は長開教使にご連絡ください。

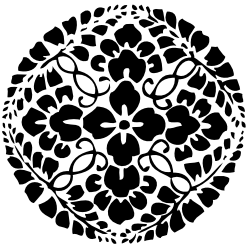
※ 昨年は残念ながらお寺のキャンプを中止せざるを得ませんでした。今年の夏は幸いにも開催することができました。携帯電話とインターネットから離れたひととき、日の出、日の入りと共に過ごす時間、そして自然の美しさ人々の笑い声の貴重さを実感致しました。



Words of the Month | 今月の言葉

Although we cannot see through our deluded eyes, the Buddha illuminates us constantly.

まどいの眼には見えねども ほとけはつねに照らします



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