



President's Message: Terrie Matsumoto

Once again, happy (or maybe not so happy) summer to everyone! As of this writing (1st week of September) it is still in the hot 100's with maybe some relief coming next week with temps in the 90's. Whether it is the 90's or 100's, there is not much of a difference! It has been a long stretch with so many days of hot weather. However, if there was a bright spot, the weather where I live in Elk Grove is on the hot side but not as hot as it is in Marysville! *Continue reading on page 3*

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NEWSLETTER



MARYSVILLE BUDDHIST CHURCH



Rev. Matt Hamasaki

Rev. Matt's Message

of the Shotsuki Hoyo service. Usually, a temple will designate one Sunday per month as a monthly memorial service. Then, all the names of the temple members who had passed away that month will be read and during the sutra chanting, the family members will offer incense or oshoko. But why do we do this and where does it come from?

The service can be traced back to Japan. The history beyond that is difficult to trace exactly to the root, but there is definitely influence from Chinese

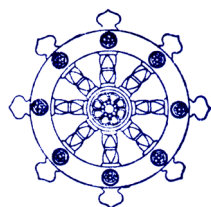
traditions although it's hard to say exactly what it is. Nonetheless, in Japan, they do not have regular Sunday service. Instead, the families may go to the temple for everyday morning service or for special occasions. For memorial services, the minister will actually go to the families' houses! This is why it is important for each house to have an obutsudan, or home altar. The word Shotsuki comes from Shotsuki Meinichi. Meinichi is translated as "death anniversary" but literally means (mei 命)

life (nichi 日) day. Sho (祥) means auspicious and tsuki (月) means month. So, the day and the month on which someone passed away every year, the minister would come to the house and do a service for the person (or people) who passed away on that day. Some homes even observe a Tsuki Meinichi, meaning that every month on the day someone passed away they would have a service. One minister told me that he heard of a family that practiced this and had a

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In trying to explain the different traditions that we have within Jodo Shinshu in America, I think one which we participate in often but isn't explained too much in depth is that

Hoyukai News



Hello Hoyukai Members,

We hope you are doing well and are surviving the unseasonably hot weather this summer had to offer. Not to fret, the first day of autumn is just around the corner, and hopefully much cooler temperatures.

Our summer luncheon was held about a month ago (Thursday, August 15th) at Carlitos Mexican Restaurant, in Yuba City. It was the perfect summer day to dine beneath the covered outdoor patio. Thirty-nine (39) family and friends gathered to enjoy the delicious entrees served. Everyone had a wonderful time seeing one another to catch up on life's daily news.

We want to thank everyone for attending and to Craig Nakagawa for coordinating the luncheon arrangements. Also, to all the Board members who helped at the luncheon and to the members who donated items or, obtained the gift certificates/cards from our local businesses, for the raffle drawing. Winners of the raffle drawings were:

- \$10 Bel Air Gift Cards – Dorothy
- \$10 Cupcake Magic Gift Card – Helen Rohr.
- \$10 Dairy Queen Gift Card – Ginny Yoshimura.
- ? Berry Syrup – Janet Nakagawa.
- Starbucks Thermal Coffee Cup – Gary Matsumoto.
- \$25 Carlitos Mexican Restaurant

Nishimatsu.

- Two cans of Spam, each – Lonnie Elderts, Linda Ishigaki, and Janet Nakagawa.
- A Cranberry Nut Bread baked by Kiyoko – Elberta Filer.
- \$25, Two Bits Café Gift Certificate – Vivian Nishimatsu.
- \$10 Cupcake Magic Gift Card – Helen Rohr.
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Pond and Garden August/September

BY JIM EDGMAN

August Notes

Last article I promised more of an update on critters. This morning I saw a very young dove. A small group of Blackbirds moved back in and had a batch of babies. It seemed like there were young ones everywhere. If one walked slow they didn't get scared and accidentally go into the pond. The parents were protective but no attacks. Over the last couple of months we've had skunk activity, but no major damage, and we no longer have any frogs for them to snack on. It is extremely rare for a skunk to go in the water after a fish. Our Kingfisher was here yesterday for evening dance practice but got scared and moved off.

September Notes

There were five carts of muck from the pond

removed before Obon and it is now in the process of building back up. Taro island was tended this morning and the skimmer manifold was cleaned and flushed out. Water flow down the waterfall is good. Our squirrel was here this morning so he got his treats. I only feed him when I see him as I don't want to leave anything out for the skunks. I'm not very kind toward the skunks and will be glad when they move on.

There are all sorts of lizards running around, mainly real small ones. There is one large one, totally black in color and living in one of the bushes. That's pretty rare!

Our oldest fish, the large yellow one (Old Yellow) had a sore on his forehead which is now starting to heal. I assume he scraped his head on the waterfall going after those

miniature shrimp. We get a few people who enjoy feeding him by hand. He really enjoys that and it doesn't hurt him as long as he is not petted. The male Koi are still doing their displays and mild spawning is all year round. The one ailing fish from last year's Obon hasn't eaten for the last week, but he looks and seems ok. I ran across a baby Trap Door Snail this morning and placed him back in the pond. Our Kingfisher has been here every morning and I can't get over how handsome he is. He is still very leery of me.

Scott and I had a scheduled work day for the garden but got rained out, and things are a mess from the storm. Pine needles were everywhere but have now been cleaned up. Our Sego Palm seems like it blooms every year now, but it is so tall that it hard to notice.



Somehow Gary noticed it and is fascinated by it and nicknamed it Brain. It sort of looks like one at this stage. I have been eyeballing it occasionally to see if I can catch it when the sprouts emerge out of the top center. That is even more amazing and will have to point that out to Gary.

We have a neighbor cat who is here every day. A couple of weeks ago he was 20 feet up in one of the Pine trees and chased off a pigeon (yea).

Everything is O.K.

In Gassho,
Jim

Rev. Matt

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book with names of deceased loved ones for every day of the month!

In America, the way the culture is, the way the cities are built, and the infrastructure of the temples has changed greatly, and it wasn't feasible to have services like they did in Japan. It was too complicated and so instead of having the minister go to everyone's house, they would have a service that everyone would go to anyways on a Sunday and have it for everyone's family there.

Now that we have some of the history and where it came from, we can start looking at why we have these services. Looking at the meaning of the words, we see that it isn't such a sad or depressing event. "Life day" and "Auspicious month" have more of a lucky or grateful feeling to it. And the word Hoyo is composed of the characters ho (法) meaning Dharma and yo (要) meaning essential point. Together we understand that the Shotsuki Hoyo is an opportunity for us to show gratitude to the loved ones who have been integral our lives. It is also an opportunity to come into contact with the teachings of the Buddha and the true reality of our existence. By having a service every year, we keep the memory of our loved ones alive and respect and honor them by reflecting on how they continue to influence our lives.

2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you have a family member or relative who passed away in any of the following years, and would like to schedule a memorial service, please call the Sacramento Buddhist Church Office at 915-446-0121.

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2023	1st annual memorial 1 year from date of death
2022	3rd anniversary memorial 2 full years from date of death
2018	7th anniversary memorial 6 full years from date of death
2012	13th anniversary memorial 12 full years from date of death
2008	17th anniversary memorial 16 full years from date of death
2000	25th anniversary memorial 24 full years from date of death
1992	33rd anniversary memorial 32 full years from date of death
1975	50th anniversary memorial 49 full years from date of death

DIAL THE DHARMA

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To hear Bishop Harada's message.
Press 1 for English, 2 for Japanese
or 3 for Spanish.

President's Message

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As you can see, I am preoccupied with this long stretch of hot weather and cannot seem to shake it! When there is so much of the same thing, change is really needed to bring about renewed energy. I am really looking forward to the change in seasons! Hopefully, when I write my next article, I will be able to truly say Happy Fall!

The year 2024 is quickly coming to a close. There are some changes to the remainder of the 2024 calendar year. Here is an

update to the months of October, November, and December services. Because of the scheduling of the SBC Supervising Ministers and Ministerial Assistants among four temples, and other activities that are occurring from now until the end of the year, we will only have one service a month,

Make note and save these dates.

Sunday, October 13, 2024 10:00 a.m.

NCDC Joint BCA 125th Anniversary Celebration & Late Bishops' Memorial Eitaikyo

Service at the Stockton

Buddhist Church. All are welcome to attend. See flier in this

Newsletter for more information.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 1:00 p.m.

October Shotsuki Hoyo and Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service) with Rev. Yuki Sugahara.

Sunday, November 3, 2024 1:00 p.m.

November Shotsuki Hoyo, Hoonko, and Pet Memorial Service with Rev. Patti Oshita. You may bring photos of your beloved pets to this service.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 1:00 p.m.

December Shotsuki Hoyo and Bodhi Day Service with Rev. Kelvin Mark.

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Joy-e New Year's Eve Service and New Year's Eve Otoki with Rev. Yuki Sugahara.

All are welcome to attend! Come and join us at these services and for refreshments following the service. We look forward to seeing you and getting a chance to get together and chat and enjoy each other's company!

Please take care!
In Gassho

Updated Office Hours

**Tuesdays and Fridays.
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

If you wish to stop by the church, please do so during those hours. Please contact the church at 530-743-6426 and let us know what day and time you would like to stop by. Please park on the 2nd street side of the church and enter through the Social Room door.

Hoyukai

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Gift Card – Terrie Matsumoto.

- A Round Table Gift Card - Mitzi Nakashima.

- Great Creatology – Richard Ow.

The Hoyukai is very grateful for the monetary

donations and to the donation made towards the luncheon by Richard and Haruko Arent, Mitzi Nakashima, Richard Ow and AJ Tomita. Thank you very much!

Stay healthy everyone!

In Gassho,
Darrell Naruto
Secretary



Introduction to Basic Buddhism for the West and Beyond

Fireside Chat Sessions with 20 Guest Lay Persons and Teachers

Photo by Don Fabber

KINTSUKUROI

1. Japanese art of repairing broken pottery using gold
2. strength and beauty found in something that has been broken

SACRAMENTO FILM SCREENING
1pm Saturday October 12
Buddhist Church of Sacramento
2401 Riverside Blvd

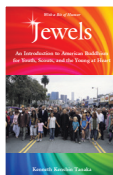
Doors open at noon for check in
Q&A with CAST/CREW follows the film

SCAN FOR TICKETS

125 YEARS OF BIRTH

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

Description:	This course is designed to provide the basics of Buddhism for those seeking a religious/spiritual foundation through the Dharma.
Dates:	10 sessions on the first Saturday of the month September 7, 2024 - June 7, 2025
Time:	5:00 - 6:30 pm (Pacific Time)
For Detailed Information:	Please see click here
The Topics:	<p>September 7: <i>Three Kinds of Jewels.</i></p> <p>October 5: <i>Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>November 2: <i>Life of the Buddha</i></p> <p>December 7: <i>How Buddhism Spread Through Asia Brief History of Buddhism in the U.S. and Canada</i></p> <p>January 4: <i>Four Noble Truths: The Big Framework</i></p> <p>February 1: <i>Karma and the Eightfold Noble Path: How to Act</i></p> <p>March 1: <i>Four Marks of Life: How to See Life to Reduce Suffering</i></p> <p>April 5: <i>Popular Passages, Metaphors, and Stories</i></p> <p>May 3: <i>Issues and Problems in Daily Life</i></p> <p>June 7: <i>Questions on Buddhism, Humor as Teaching, Epilogue, and Appendices</i></p>
Instructor and Moderator:	Kenneth K. Tanaka , Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo. Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley.
Register for the Course:	Please apply here
Donation:	Suggested amount \$50 - \$100. (In Japan, ¥6,000)
Textbook:	Tanaka, Kenneth. <i>Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and the Young at Heart</i> . BDK America, 2020. Can be downloaded free of charge. Please click here
Contact email:	shinbuddhismcourse@gmail.com



OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The October monthly memorial service will be observed on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Yuki Sugahara.

Deceased & Relationship

Ko Uchiyama
Shinjiro Manji
Kanekichi Nakahara
Mitsue Fukushima (S)
Hatsu Kodani (GM)
Tamezo Shinseki

Chiji Tokunaga
Kazunobu Igawa (GF)
Kikujiro Marumoto
Suetaro Oshita (GF)
Toku Hirota
Morito Kurihara
Harumi Abe (GM)
Shizuo Nakao (F)
Yasu Yamaguchi (GGM)
Shigeo Nakamura
Nyogen Nishita
Heikichi Ando
Sometaro Ozawa
Toichiro Mayahara (GF)
Iyo Mayahara (GM)
Kenzo Nakagawa
Kiku Kodani (GGM)
Sakuichi Wada
Tom Kurihara
Senichi Hatamiya (F)
Keiji Doizaki (F)
Tomoe Furuta
Yuichi Heya (GF)
Tsuta Harada (GM)
Sometaro Yamazaki (GGF)
Tokuhei Nakata (GF)
Kikuno Kashiwabara (GM)
Suyeno Nakamoto (GGM)
Yorio Kakiuchi (F)
Kazuo Sasaki (F)

Sesshu Family

Manji Family
Manji Family
Nakahara Family
Roy Fukushima
Misaki Rooney
Mori Tanimoto's
Daughters
Tokunaga Family
Ben Igawa
Marumoto Family
Harold Nakatsu
Hirota Family
Kurihara Family
Roger Abe
Opal Wakayama
Doris Ow
Nakamura Family
Nishita Family
Ando & Oji Family
Matsumura Family
Lynne Yoshimura
Lynne Yoshimura
Iwamura Family
Misaki Rooney
Wada Family
Kurihara Family
Roy Hatamiya
Shirley Mizuno
Furuta Family
Lorraine Mizuno
Joy Martell
Lorraine Mizuno
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Kazuo Kakiuchi
Allen H. Sasaki

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Kihachi Yasuda (GF)
George Iwanaga
Kazue Tagawa (GF)
Hifume Kakiuchi (M)
Henry H. Tsukimura (F)

Tsugime Watanabe (M)
Hama Roman (W)
Kazuo Furuta
Hideo George Nakamura (GF)
Arthur Noboru Oji
Marie Matsumoto (M)
Marsha Lynn Kinoshita (C)
Paul Kazunobu Oki (F)
Tadayuki Ted Igawa (F)
Fred S. Shimamoto (B)
Kay Kunimitsu Yokotobi (F)
Mitsuye Kinoshita (M)
Hideo Takeuchi (F)
Ikuto Nabeta (F)
Harry Takashi Tabata (F)
Fred T. Watanabe (H)
June S. Tanimoto (M)

George S. Marumoto
Tomoko Yoshimura (M)
Nellie Fukushima (M)
Billy Teruo Manji
Irene K. Tokunaga (M)
Rev. Tesshi Aoyama (H)
Darrell Nakao (B)
Clark Tokunaga (F)
Brian Itsuo Uyemoto (Sn)
Ken Nabeta
Susumu Takabayashi (B)
Gary Robert Ogino (Sn)
Eiji Maruko (H)

Larry Matsumura
Doris Ow
Iwanaga Family
Gayle Broce
Kazuo Kakiuchi
Glenn Tsukimura
& Cathy Tsukimura
Lorraine Mizuno
John Roman
Furuta Family
Patty Durand
Oji Family
Patti Matsumoto
Shelley Glines
Pauline Nishina
Ben Igawa
Shig Shimamoto
Mitsuko Yokotobi
Debbie Uyemoto
Karen Takeuchi
Irene Nabeta-Yee
Pearl Fukumitsu
Mary Watanabe
June Tanimoto's
Daughters
Marumoto Family
Lynne Yoshimura
Harriet Fukushima
Manji Family
Julie Tokunaga
Alice Aoyama
David Nakao
Terrie Matsumoto
Pat Uyemoto
Nabeta Family
Sakaye Takabayashi
Naomi Lopes
Keiko Maruko

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The Marysville Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations received. For any corrections or omissions, please call the Church at (530) 743-6426 or email office@MarysvilleBC.org. **Thank You.**

Received from 8/11/ 2024 – you to Scott Itamura for the laminated signs for Obon!
09/6/2024

In Memory Of

IMO: Henry Oji
Jane Schroeder

2024 Obon Donation

Marysville JAACL
Diane Keiko Makishima
Darrell Naruto

Dana in Action

Pond & Garden: Thank you to Scott Itamura & Jim Edgman for garden cleanup.

Lamination of Obon Signs – Thank

Refreshments: Thank you to the following for providing treats for the Newsletter Crew.

- Jean Matsui – Hello Panda Chocolate
- Terrie Matsumoto – Breakfast Pastries

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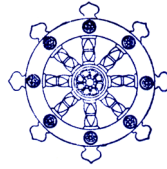
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

REMINDER: 2024 Membership dues are now due. The MBC Membership form is attached to this Newsletter. Please completely fill out the form and submit the membership form and payment to MBC (address is listed on the form).. Thank you to all those who have paid their dues thus far! Your continued support of our temple is greatly appreciated!



Join us for Oct. Services

Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial Service) & October Shotsuki Hoyo
 Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024
 1:00 p.m.
 Rev. Yuki Sugahara
 All are welcome to attend!

SAVE THE DATE
 October 4-6, 2024
47th FBWA Conference
 San Jose Doubletree Hotel

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 Each Precious Moment, A Precious Treasure

Hosted by Coast District
 Buddhist Women's League

SAVE THE DATE: NCDC Joint BCA 125th Celebration

October 13, 2024 8:30 AM
 Buddhist Church of Stockton

Reminder: Alarm System

Our temple now has an alarm system in place. ADT has installed door alarms and motion sensors throughout the premise of our temple. Please contact the Church Office at 530-743-6426 if you wish to have access to the church premises.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT &
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*Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony &
 Joint Eitaikyo, Late Bishops'
 Memorial & BCA 125th Anniversary
 Service*

1899 2024
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Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
Buddhist Church of Stockton
 2820 Shimizu Drive, Stockton, CA 95203

We warmly welcome all to participate in this special service to remember and honor the past 125 years and as we celebrate the future of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Streaming of the service available on the Buddhist Church of Stockton's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@buddhistchurchofstockton9015>

View the schedule of events and register through the QR code or at:
<https://forms.gle/vzSLa3ZsEuYZTCc19>

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Stockton Buddhist Women's Assn.



Saturday, November 2, 2024
8:00am to 2:00pm
 2820 Shimizu Drive, Stockton, CA 95203

Donations are welcome and will be accepted on the following dates from **9:00am to 11:30 only**:

- Sunday, September 8
- Sunday, September 22
- Sunday, October 6
- Sunday, October 20

We cannot accept the following items:

- Beds, Mattresses, Headboards
- Desks or any large furniture
- Entertainment Centers/T.V.'s
- Baby Strollers, Highchairs
- Wired Appliances, i.e., Ceiling Fans
- Pianos



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			JACL Brd Mtg 2 p.m.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No Service Church Closed						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NCDC Joint BCA 125 th Celebration & Late Bishops' Memorial Eitai-kyo Service Stockton Buddhist Church 10:00 a.m.						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Eitai-kyo Service (Perpetual Memorial Service) & October Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. Rev. Yuki Sugahara MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.		Newsletter Crew 10:00 a.m.				
27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2024

November 3 – November Shotsuki Hoyo, Ho-Onko & Pet Memorial Service 1 p.m. MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.						
November 17 – No Service – Church Closed						

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