

Busshin

Weather the Season BY REV. HARRY GYOKYO BRIDGE

AS OF NOVEMBER 24, WE WILL have entered the “Holiday Season.” This means different things for different people. For some, it is an exciting, wonderful time they look forward to each year. For others, it is a busy but rewarding time, preparing for parties and family gatherings. For some, it is a difficult time, for a variety of reasons unique to the person and the circumstances.

In reality, I think that many people

fall into a combination of these. I know from visiting families on New Year’s Day how much effort they put into preparing the feast that they put out for family and visitors. But I also see the joy and happiness of families spending time together and visiting with old friends. Sometimes the obligations towards family during the holidays can be overwhelming, and yet time spent with friends can be helpful to unwind.

For myself, I have been through a variety of feelings throughout my life. My father died in December of 2001, so Christmastime the first couple of years afterwards was very stressful. At first, I wasn’t even sure why I was so upset – then I realized that I had such fond memories of Christmas from my childhood related to my father. Him being gone and yet being forced to hear

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President’s Message

BY ROBERT NOGUCHI

IT WAS TRULY AN OCTOBER TO remember. BCO Highlights included the Keirokai Celebration, the Annual Golf Tournament, and Halloween Party. I also attended two very special events (in the same weekend) which shared immigrant experiences. First,

the Life Enrichment Presentation of *Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Performing Arts in the WWII Internment Camps*, presented by **Shirley Muramoto-Wong** on October 15th. This documentary about internees and their families performing koto,

shigin, kabuki, obon odori among others, was inspired and gave me an appreciation for what the *isseis* passed down to the *niseis*. We also enjoyed a koto performance by Shirley, with her son, **Brian** and

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JUN HAMAMOTO AND JOANNE Hayashida represented the OBWA in Japan for the Bay District/Hoppo-Fukuoka District Exchange Program. They are happy to share their experiences with all.

The OBWA would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

- **Maya Murashima** for her mother's one year memorial service
- **Lynn Chung, Judy Kano, Gayle**

Noguchi, Kathleen Terusaki, Carol Thunen and Fusae Yoshida for the *Eshinni/Kakushinni/Lady Ohtani Memorial Service*

We'd also like to thank the following people for their service at the Eshinni/Kakushinni/Lady Ohtani Memorial Service:

- **Reverend Harry Bridge** for officiating
- **Agnes Sasaki** for providing organ music

- **Judy Kano** for chairing the service
- **Carol Thunen and Patti Hisaoka** for providing refreshments

FUTURE EVENTS:

- December 4: OBWA meeting at 9:00am
- December 4: Annual Year End Party and Card Sale. Proceeds will benefit REACH West for Special Adults ■

Weather

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Christmas music (I was living in Japan at the time - you would be surprised how hard it is to escape Christmas over there!) was quite agonizing.

Awareness helped me deal with this difficulty - I was miserable when it was unconscious, but once I figured out why I was upset, I found myself more able

to deal with it. The reality, though, is that I couldn't think about my father for years after losing him. At some point, though, I began to feel a deep appreciation for all that he did for me - he wasn't a perfect father, but I know that he put so much of his life into making a good life for me and my mother. Maybe it was that appreciation that helped me be able to think about him again, after all those years.

I hope that all of you are able to at least endure and hopefully enjoy the holidays. If you have family around, try and appreciate them, even in the midst of the busyness of the season and the difficulties that family relationships can bring. Maybe awareness and appreciation can play a role - Amida Buddha is always calling out to us, wishing us happiness and release from suffering - Namo Amida Butsu! ■

Year-Round Bon Odori

WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE STARTING A NEW program: "Year-Round Bon Odori Practice"! Our first session was *Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 pm* at the *Buddhist Church of Oakland*.

Please check the calendar for upcoming dates.

It is important to note that there will not be any instruction - it has only been a couple of months so hopefully it will come back to you. If not, watch the person in front of you!

So if you are interested please come and help us get this thing off the ground!

In gassho,

Buddhist Church of Oakland

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2017 BUSSHIN ARTICLES: NOVEMBER 29TH

Articles submitted after this date may not be printed.

SEND ARTICLES TO:

Joyce Yokomizo

email: joyce@yokomizo.com or

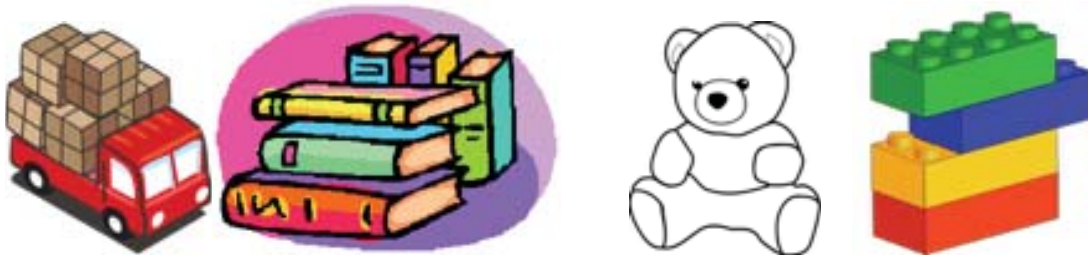
fax: (415) 970-0810.

You can also send articles to the church office.

BUSSHIN COLLATION:

Sunday, December 11th, 2016

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Toy Drive at BCO

This is our season for giving thanks for all that we have and for all that others have done for us. Let us share our good fortune with others less fortunate. When you come to church (for service or mochitsuki) bring a toy!!

November 6 to December 11 (Mochitsuki)

Bring your new, unwrapped (no wrapping paper) toys to church. We will take them to the Firehouse next door on Mochitsuki for distribution over the holidays.

Sponsored by the BCO Dharma School



Momiji Kai during their trip to Jodo Shinshu Center and J-Sei Headquarters in September

AT OUR LAST GATHERING WE were fortunate to be able to see the movie, *"Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness"*, which I believe many of you have heard about and seen. It centers around a gentleman, **Chiune Sugihara**, a diplomat of Japanese descent at the Consulate in Kaunas, Lithuania, pre-world War II in 1939. It seems Mr. Sugihara's compassion took over and against orders from Japan he had issued over 6,000 visas to the Jewish refugees seeking help enabling

them to escape the country from the Holocaust in 1939.

It is a very heart wrenching true story and if any of the readers have an opportunity to see the movie, it will be well worth the time you spend. When Mr. Sugihara returned to Japan, he was dismissed from the foreign service and lived in poverty for the remainder of his life.

I personally wished he were alive today to receive the honors bestowed upon him for having saved so many

lives during that period.

We are grateful to **Mrs. Fuzy Yoshida** for having given the use of the film by her friend so that our members and guests were able to enjoy and appreciate Mr. Chiune Sugihara and his compassionate courage. Thanks much, Fuzy.

All of a sudden we are approaching the end of the year. Where did the rest of the year go? With all the holidays and cold weather before us please let us all stay healthy. ■

President's Message

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student **Mayumi Nomura**, and Q&A about Shirley's research and interviews. For more information, or to order a copy of the DVD (\$29.99 + shipping in English or Japanese), visit the website at www.icalegacy.com.

Then, on October 16th, Gayle and I were invited by **Mohan Kanungo** as his special guests to **Social Justice Collaborative's First Annual Benefit Dinner: Voices of Youth**. Mohan, SJC's Board of Directors President, has been a regular attendee of BCO's Evening Service, Study Class, Bazaar volunteer and this year's Hanamatsuri guest speaker. Mohan introduced a number

of individuals who were assisted by SJC's team of lawyers and legal and financial advisors. Their testimonials were truly inspiring. SJC provides free and low cost services and advocacy for diverse low income and marginalized segments of communities in the Bay Area. For more information, visit their website at www.socialjusticecollaborative.org. ■

HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2016-2017

年始挨拶を交換しましょう

2017年の親春も近づいてまいりました。当仏教会では仏心新年号で恒例の年始挨拶交換をいたします。申し込み欄に年賀の挨拶の言葉を書き入れ、11月21日（月）までに仏教会事務所にお届けください。写真（白黒）も入れることができます。これに対するお礼はご懇志として仏教会にお納めくださるようお願い申し上げます。

合掌

オークランド仏教会年始交換委員会

Your church is now beginning preparations of the 2016-17 "Holiday Greetings" in which we are given the opportunity to extend our personal greetings to all our friends and church family members.

As in the past, the purpose of the holiday greetings is to assist you in extending your holiday wishes to your church family during the holiday season. Utilizing this church service does not detract from the spirit of the individual cards you would be sending.

Your message may be in any shape or form -- long or short as you please. If you desire, a clear black and white photo of your family and/or pet(s) may be included. Of course, photos will have to be cut and/or reduced or enlarged in order to utilize the available space. If you would like to advertise your business, send in your business card... **BUT ABOVE ALL, BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME(S).**

Won't you join us in this church family project? Please fill out the form below and mail it back to the church by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016.** This will give the committee ample time to organize, finalize, print and collate the issue and mail it in time for the New Year.

MAIL TO: BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND
825 JACKSON STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94607-4723
ATTN: HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With Gassho,
Holiday Greetings Committee

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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2016-17"

MESSAGE: _____

ENCLOSURE: (please check) PHOTO BUSINESSCARD DANA: \$ _____

NAMES _____

2016 December Shotsuki Memorial Service

**Service: Sunday, December 4, 2016 at approximately 11:00 a.m. following Dharma Family Service
Dharma Message by Rev. Harry Gyokyo Bridge**

Family and friends are invited to attend this monthly memorial service for those listed below. If any errors appear in the list below, please notify the church office at (510) 832-5988 at your earliest convenience. For next month's Shotsuki Service, please see the January calendar.

Mrs. Wakako Adachi	Mrs. Margaret Kubota	Mr. Jun Sasaki
Dr. Larry Aikawa	Mr. Myosuke Kuramura	Mr. Yukichi Sasaki
Mrs. Yoneko Aochi	Mr. Toraehei Masuoka	Mr. Mitsuzo Satake
Mrs. Koto Aoyagi	Mr. Ben Matsui	Mrs. Helen Sato - <i>1st year</i>
Mr. Yasutaro Chiyoda	Mrs. Matsu Matsui	Mrs. Julie Seiji Shibata - <i>1st year</i>
Mrs. Fumie Doi - <i>50th year</i>	Mr. Chosei Matsui	Mrs. Tomino Shigemoto
Mr. Goro Endo	Mrs. Fusako Matsutani	Mrs. Amy Shimada
Mrs. Takako Endo - <i>1st year</i>	Mrs. Kinu Matsutani	Mr. Yoshizo Shimamoto
Mr. Fusakichi Fujii	Mr. Rokusaburo Miyamoto	Mr. Masao Shinomoto - <i>17th year</i>
Mrs. Carrie Fujii - <i>25th year</i>	Mr. Masato Mori	Mr. Shigeyoshi Suwa
Mr. George Fujino	Mr. Yoshihisa Mori	Mrs. Hatsue Sunagawa
Mr. Noboru Fukuchi	Mr. Naoto Roy Muramoto	Mr. Yoshitsugu Takeda
Mrs. Michiko Fukutomi	Mr. Yotaro Najima	Mr. Seikatsu Takesaka
Miss Emiko Furuta	Mr. Nobori Nakagawa	Mrs. Teiko Tamori
Mrs. Toshiko Furuta	Mr. Toru Tom Nakagawa - <i>13th year</i>	Mr. Ichiro Tanaka
Mr. Jay Gluck	Mr. Hiroshi Nakai	Mr. Masaichi Tanaka
Mrs. Sumie Hiramoto Gluck	Mr. Masato Nakao	Mrs. Masayo Tani
Mrs. Mutsu Gonda	Mr. Takashi Nakao	Mrs. Kusu Tanita
Mr. Utaro Harada	Mr. Seiichi Nakatani	Mr. Keiji Toyofuku - <i>1st year</i>
Mrs. Kinuko Diana Hayashi	Mr. Eiichi Nakazono	Mrs. Mary Tsuboi
Mrs. Osue Hirabayashi	Mr. Eisaburo Natsuhara	Mr. Shozo Tsuboi
Mr. Fred Hiromoto	Miss Gloria Natsuhara	Mrs. Ayako Agnes Tsuji
Mrs. Fuji Ikeda	Mrs. Nobuko Natsuhara	Miss Yumiko Tsujimoto
Mr. Fred Kaneshige - <i>3rd year</i>	Miss Masako Neishi	Mr. Shigekazu Umemoto
Mr. Dick Kanzaki	Mr. Sadaichi Neishi	Mrs. Kin Usui
Mr. Keishu Kanzaki	Mr. George Nobori	Mrs. Teruko Uyeno - <i>17th year</i>
Mr. Otokichi Kashima	Mr. Don Nomiyama	Mr. George Watanabe
Mr. Tamesaku Kataoka	Mr. Jerry Nomura	Mr. Yotaro Watanabe
Mrs. Kiyono Kawabata	Mr. Sekinosuke Okai	Mr. Howard Worrell
Mr. Yuji Kawabata - <i>33rd year</i>	Mrs. Mary Fumiye Okamura	Mrs. Yoshiwo Yabe
Mrs. Hisa Kawamoto	Mr. Shinji Okamura	Mr. Naozo Yago
Miss Pearl Kawamoto	Mrs. Hide Okano	Mr. George Yamaguchi
Mrs. Riu Kawaoka	Mrs. Kimiyo Okawachi	Mr. Noboru Yamanaka
Mrs. Yufu Kisanuki	Mr. Takashi Okawachi	Mr. Takefumi Yasuda
Mr. Keisaburo Koda	Mr. Keiji Onizuka	Mrs. Masae Yokomizo
Mr. Kazuo Koizumi	Mrs. Jane Otsuka	Mrs. Nobuye Nowie Yokomizo
Mr. Takehei Kono	Mr. Tomio Otsuka	Mr. Yonekichi Yokomizo
Mr. Heitaro Kosobayashi - <i>50th year</i>	Mrs. Wendy Mitsu Pendro	

New Year's Omochi

This season's traditional New Year's Omochi will be prepared by the Buddhist Church of Oakland on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016** from 7:00 a.m. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form below and submit to the BCO office **by DECEMBER 1**. Unfortunately, **we are unable to accept orders past this deadline**. LAST MINUTE REQUESTS on the day of mochi tsuki will be filled, when possible, after all pre-orders have been filled.

Please note that there is a space for you to indicate the approximate desired pick-up time. Also, a space has been provided for the name of the individual who will be picking up your order.

We request that orders be picked up between **3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** – no exceptions please. Members are encouraged to invite supporters, where this form is not sent, to place orders with the church office at (510) 832-5988. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Thank you!

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ORDER FORM

Buddhist Church of Oakland
825 Jackson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

TELEPHONE _____

I will pick-up my order at _____ p.m. My order will be picked-up by _____

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QTY Ordered	\$ AMOUNT
NOSHI MOCHI	PC	\$9.00 (3 lbs.)	_____	_____
KAGAMI MOCHI (large 1 ½ lbs.)	SET	\$5.00	_____	_____
KAGAMI MOCHI (small ¾ lbs.)	SET	\$3.00	_____	_____
KOMOCHI	LB	\$4.00	_____	_____
ANKO MOCHI	LB	\$5.00	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____

PLEASE PROVIDE TOTAL AMOUNT OF YOUR ORDER WITH THIS FORM.

HŌ-ON Service Teams - HOST

THE HO-ON SERVICE TEAMS ARE LISTED BELOW. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED AND and you would like to help on a team, please call the office (510) 832-5988 or email officebco@gmail.com. We welcome all members and friends of the BCO to be part of a Host Group, so feel free to invite your children and extended family to help out on the teams. Please note that these service teams do not affect our BCO Bazaar & Food Festival shifts or our Obon Festival shifts. Your help at these two major fundraisers is still vital to the life of our church. *In Gassho, The BCO Board of Directors* ■

HO-ON SERVICE TEAM 2:

(Responsible for Dec. 2016)

Linda Minamoto (Leader)

Ken Aisawa
Kathy Aoki
Yasuhiko & Margaret Aoki
Mary Hiromoto
Brian & Thea Horii
Doug Izuno
Harvey & Gay Kaplan
John Minamoto

Edwin & Mabel Minamoto
Linda Minamoto
Peter & Lynn Nakaso
Ren & Meta Orans
Edward & Sabrina Shepard
Alice Shibata
Kunio & Teruko Shibata
Ellen Takayama
Itsuko Uota

HO-ON SERVICE TEAM 3:

(Responsible for Jan. 2017)

Jon Takagaki (Leader)

John & Stacy Eastley
Don & Clare Kaneshige
Akiko Kaneshige
Jane Koizumi
Akashi & Jan Wiley Matsuno
Raleigh & Julia Nakao
Nancy Nakatani
Robert & Gayle Noguchi

Dick & Agnes Sasaki
Richard & Tsuneko Seiki
Mimi Sullivan
Jon & Linda Takagaki
Mark & Erin Takemoto
Sharon Tatai
Eddie & Terry Yokoyama
Janis Yoshisato-Cavey

IN MEMORIAM:

The Buddhist Church of Oakland extends its deepest condolences to the families of:

Yoshiye Kawabata

October 21, 2016

Gloria Bucol

October 30, 2016

May the family members find comfort and solace in the Nembutsu,

Namu amida butsu.





Dharma School Halloween 2016.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL Keirokai members! The Dharma School students painted dish towels in their own designs, packaged them, and presented them to the Keiro members on October 9. We even practiced how to present them to each of our Keiro members! We hope you like them. They were made with love, just for you.

Happy Halloween! The Dharma School held a fantastic Halloween Party put on by our wonderful parents, teachers and Jr. YBA. The Haunted House was spectacular and scary. The Jr. YBA took instant pictures of the kids and Sensei! Delia Ikeda and her team of parents and teachers helped students roll pumpkins to knock down bowling pins, toss candy into buckets, toss Velcro balls at a ghost target, and drop pumpkin tokens in a hi-lo game. Valerie Otsuka put together some really fine goodie bags. We

had guessing games and donut bites. And to top it all off, we had fantastic cupcakes made by June Nomura, Tammie Masamori, and Christine Kamita. There was lots of pizza and candy, of course! Thank you to the Jr. YBA and Valerie for transforming the hall into a carnival. Thank you to all our fantastic cooks, folks who helped set up for lunch, and who helped clean up after everything was done.

Next up is our Toy Drive. There are many children in our area who are not as fortunate as ours and in this holiday season, we would like to share our good fortune. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to church during November and the first weeks of December. There is a large bin in the lobby to collect the toys. We will take the collection to Fire Station 12 on Alice Street for their toy drive. Our church was very generous last year, so I hope we can continue to donate



to our community.

Thank you to our wonderful donors:

Dorothy Yanagi - donation of boxes of ribbon

In appreciation of our Keirokai gift: **JoAnn Hayashida, Mary Hiromoto, Don and Clare Kaneshige, Ruby Kuritsubo, Lou Minamoto, Alice Neishi, Alice Shibata, Agnes and Digger Sasaki, Teruko Shimizu Shibata, Dorothy Yanagi, Fusae Yoshida**

Mark and Erin Takemoto - in honor of **Megumi** starting Dharma School

Shig and Namie Naito - Halloween donation

Rosalind Tsuji - Halloween candy

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday Wish for our students born in November: **Mason Kim, Colin Kwong, Leila Neishi.** ■

Bone Marrow Drive for Paul Ota



FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PAUL OTA would like to thank the Buddhist Church of Oakland for hosting a bone marrow registration drive in his name.

A former student in BCO's Gakuen, Paul was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in February. He received several rounds of chemotherapy that helped subdue the cancer, but it returned over the summer. Paul's doctors believe that a bone marrow transplant could be a more effective treatment option, but there are currently no eligible donors — no one who matches his tissue type on international bone marrow registries.

Worldwide, some 25 million registrants stand ready to donate their bone marrow to patients facing

life-threatening blood cancers and diseases. However, multiracial people are underrepresented in international registries, making it harder to find a donor for someone like Paul, who is of Japanese and Mexican descent.

His family and friends have been reaching out to Nikkei communities across California, hoping to locate donor and aiming to increase registry numbers for the potential benefit of other patients in need. In the Bay Area, the Asian American Donor Program has been a key partner on this campaign.

AADP's **Elizabeth Leong** set up a table in BCO's foyer for a 3-hour registration drive on Saturday, October 15. She signed up 12 new registrants though a simple process

that involves filling out a form and collecting tissue samples with a cheek swab. Many additional people showed up to the church that day to demonstrate their support for Paul.

His family and friends are grateful to Elizabeth and the staff at AADP for their hard work and dedication to this important cause. We would also like to express our appreciation to **Steve Terusaki, Robert Noguchi, and Reverend Harry Bridge** for helping make the drive happen.

We are still seeking potential donors, both for Paul and to increase registry numbers. For more information, please visit [facebook.com/MatchForPaul](https://www.facebook.com/MatchForPaul), e-mail Alec MacDonald at hapakine@yahoo.com, or call AADP at (510) 568-3700. ■

Temple Tid-Bits

THE MINUTES FOR THE MONTHLY board meeting are available in the BCO office - if you wish to view them and cannot come in person to the office, please call or write and the minutes can be sent to you by mail or electronically. ■



OBWA Cards, etc. Sale

to benefit

REACH West for Special Adults

This is your opportunity to buy some of the unique cards and crafts handmade by OBWA members and to support a very worthy cause at the same time.

Please join us on December 4 following the service and get some of your holiday shopping done early.



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**47th ANNUAL OAKLAND FUKUOKA
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**
Tentative Dates: Thursday, June 29 - Monday, July 10, 2017

The annual Oakland Fukuoka High School Student Exchange Program is a 10-12 day Program in Fukuoka, Japan, Oakland's Sister City. We are accepting applications for this Program and space will be **limited to 6 students**. The estimated **Program Cost is \$1,900.00** that includes airfare, room & board (home-stays), organized activities while in Fukuoka, and travel insurance. Students will be responsible for any personal expenses (purchases, gifts, snacks, etc.).

The students will be under adult supervision. A representative from the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association will chaperon the students during the trip. The City of Fukuoka, through the Fukuoka International Association, will organize the home-stay accommodations and daily activities for the group during their stay in Fukuoka, Japan. During the program each student will stay with a host family to experience Japanese family life. The Fukuoka International Association organized activities introduces students to the culture of Japan. In the past, these activities have included Japanese language classes, demonstration of tea ceremony, Japanese cooking class, visiting the emergency preparedness center, visiting with Japanese high school students, and an excursion to the city of Nagasaki (including the Peace Park). The focus of the Program is education with the activities designed to introduce the Oakland students to the life and culture of the people in Fukuoka, Oakland's Sister City. The parent/guardian and student will be required to sign a Release Form. The student or their family will be required to join the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association. We encourage each family to home-stay a student from Japan the following summer.

If you have any questions regarding the Program, please email ofsca1962@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 15, 2016. INTERVIEWS WITH THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE SCHEDULED IN THE WEEKS FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

Mail completed application, membership dues, and photo to:

Student Exchange Program
Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association
P.O. Box 13022
Oakland, CA 94661-3022

HAPPY LATE HALLOWEEN AND almost start of winter!

I hope everyone is enjoying their fall, or at least making the most of it (high school seniors understand... when will this semester ever end?!). I write this article past my bedtime (and the Busshin deadline), after my sports practice and schoolwork... needless to say, I am exhausted. With that, let's dig into the Jr. YBA News for this month!

First of all, thank you to everyone who showed up to the Halloween service on Oct. 30. The Jr. YBA hosted the annual Haunted House in the Issei Kaikan, led by **Grant Kamita** and his family. Special thanks go out to our adult chaperones and helpers: **Mr. Li** and **Mr. Kamita** for chaperoning the sleepover, Mr. Wong for making break-

fast for everyone, and **Mr. Nakamura** and **Mr. Nomura** for helping create the haunted house. Thank you also to all the other parents I did not mention, and to everyone who enjoyed the haunted house. It couldn't have been successful without you all!

This month, we traveled down to Fresno for the annual Central California Jr. YBA Conference, for Jr. YBA members in chapters from Buddhist churches all across California. Taking place on the weekend of Nov. 11, many members from our own chapter attended to see our old friends from the valley, as well as learn more about Buddhism while making new friends. Thank you so much to the parents who helped drive, set up hotels, chaperone, and keep everyone orga-

nized. We could not function without you all!

December will be busy and exciting. On *Dec. 4*, we will be presenting a *skit for Bodhi Day*, so make sure to come see us perform at service! Additionally, for *Mochitsuki on Dec. 11*, the Jr. YBA will be having a *Udon Luncheon* for all volunteers/workers who come to help make mochi. There will be nice, hot udon served up by your favorite Buddhist teenagers, desserts, and drinks; and it's free! Also, be on the lookout for a YBA-run kiosk for See's Candy orders for the holidays. Place your order before time runs out. The candy is delicious, and it is at a discounted price!

That's all I have this month for the Jr. YBA News. See you all next month!

“Hidden Legacy” Film Event



Photos from the “Hidden Legacy” film event -(Left) Shirley Muramoto talking about the film and (Right) Shirley Muramoto, Mayumi Nomura, and Brian Muramoto performing,

DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Host 2 Team Leader: Linda Minamoto Coverage for December support tasks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Hondo, polish brass-Omigaki 1st Sunday service only: coffee & breakfast refreshments, service greeters, after-Shotsuki set-up; New Year's Eve Soba; Weekend garden clean-up; Busshin collation; Wed evening Dharma service greeters and refreshments 				1 Momijikai, Small Chapel Year-End Luncheon, Social Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class, Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	2	3 Gakuen, Issei Kaikan 9:00-12:00 pm
4 OBWA Meeting 9:00-10:00 am Bodhi Day Service 10:00-11:00 Shotsuki Service 11:00-11:45 am OBWA Cards, etc. Benefit Sale OBWA Year-End Party Social Hall 12:00-1:00 pm	5	6	7 Board of Directors Meeting, Small Chapel, 7:00 pm	8 Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class, Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	9	10 Gakuen, Issei Kaikan 9:00-12:00 pm Anko Prep Social Hall Kitchen 9:00-12:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan 2:00-4:00 pm
11 Mochitsuki 6:00 am-6:00 pm Busshin Collation	12 Wanto Shodo Kai Issei Kaikan, 10 am-12 Noon	13 Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association General Meeting Issei Kaikan, 7:00-9:00 pm	14 Evening Dharma Service & Discussion, 7:00-8:30 pm	15 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen - Adult Advanced Class, Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	16	17 Gakuen, Issei Kaikan 9:00-12:00 pm
18 No Service Temple Clean-up 9:00-11:30 am	19	20	21	22 No Gakuen	23	24 No Gakuen
25 No Service	26 Office Closed	27 Busshin Articles Due	28	29 No Gakuen	30	31 No Gakuen New Year's Eve Service, 8:00-9:00 pm NYE Soba

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Host 3 Team Leader: Jon Takagaki January support tasks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday services coffee and breakfast refreshments; Dharma chat refreshments; ▪ Sunday services greeters; ▪ Straighten Hondo week before major service (January 8) HoOnko; ▪ After-Shotsuki set-up; ▪ Weekend garden clean-up; ▪ Busshin collation; ▪ Wed evening Dharma service greeters and refreshments. 						
1 Happy New Year! New Year's Day Service 11:00 am	2 Holiday (Office Closed)	3	4 Board of Directors Meeting, Small Chapel, 7:00 pm	5 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	6	7 Gakuen New Year's Celebration Social Hall 9:00 am-12:00 pm Ikebana Issei Kaikan, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
8 Dharma Family Service, OBWA Officer Installation 10-10:45 am Shotsuki Memorial & Adult Dharma Service 10:45-11:30 Busshin Collation Concord Howakai – New Year's Dinner 4:00 pm OFSCA New Year's Party – 5:00 PM	9 Wanto Shodo Kai Issei Kaikan, 10 am-12 Noon Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	10	11 Evening Dharma Service & Discussion Small Chapel 7:00-8:30 pm	12 Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	13 Hiroshima Nikkeijinkai Prep, Social Hall 1:00-3:00 pm Youth Club Set-up for Ho-onko Luncheon	14 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm Hiroshima Nikkeijinkai New Year's Celebration Social Hall 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
15 Ho-onko Service 10-11:30 am Luncheon 11:30-12:30 pm Ashland Howakai 5:00-6:30pm	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed) Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	17 OFSCA General Mtg. Issei Kaikan 7:00-9:00 pm	18 Business Committee Meeting-7:00-8:30 pm	19 Momijikai, Small Chapel 10:00 am-2:00 pm Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	20	21 Gakuen Issei Kaikan, 9:00-12:00 pm
22 Dharma Family Service 10-10:45 am	23 Wanto Shodo Kai Issei Kaikan, 10 am-12 Noon Karaoke, Social Hall, 7:30-9:30 pm	24	25 Asian Health Services Monthly Meeting Social Hall 9:00 am-12:00 pm	26 Busshin Articles Due Gakuen-Adult Advanced Class Issei Kaikan 6:30-8:30 pm	27 Hiroshima NikkeijinKai Board Meeting Social Hall 12:30-2:30 pm	28 Gakuen Issei Kaikan 9:00-12:00 pm Study Class 2-4 pm
29 Dharma Family Service 10-10:45 am Dharma Chat 10:45-11:30 am DS Teacher's Meeting 11:45 am	30	31				