BCA Ministers’ Association and National Council Meeting

By Dr. Kent Matsuda

Ministers’ Association Cabinet, from left to right: Senshu Inouye, Katsumi Ueda, T.K. Nakagaki, Koki Teruoka, Socho Ogui, Jokai Abiko, Zuikei Taniguchi, Bombo Oshita, Jundo Gibbs, Kango Sakamoto. Photo courtesy of Tom Nishikawa.

During the meeting, the ministers and delegates learned about the differences between the Center for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies and the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS). Both will be housed in the new Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley when it opens later this year. The Center for Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Studies will offer programs for general public, lay individuals, and minister’s assistants. The Institute of Buddhist Studies is a seminary affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union offering two masters degree programs. They offer classes to anyone interested in graduate-level courses on Buddhism.

Elected as the directors-at-large for 2006-2008 were Charlene Grinolds (White River), Kennon Nakamura (Ekoji), and Ed Tanaka (Orange County).

Jim Usui reported that the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley should be completed in May. The costs for construction continue to increase. The final cost for the building may be between $8 million and $10 million. Once the building becomes occupied, the tenants of the building will help to pay for the maintenance costs.

The Ministers’ Pension Fund Committee reported that the maximum benefit available for retired ministers is $1,000 a month.

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Hurrah to a Centenarian

By Rev. Tosah Aoyama

On Jan. 12, at the house of Mr. Muneichi Yamasaki, a 101-year-old who lives in Auburn, California, a triple memorial service was held: the 80th death anniversary of his deceased father Zenkiichi; the 79th death anniversary of his son, Junichi; and the 78th death anniversary of his granddaughter, Lauralee Michiko. Photographs of the three deceased were placed in front of the Buddhist altar enshrined at the grand hall. When the memorial service started, Muneichi-san guided in burning incense in order of family members and relatives. Officiating the memorial service, I gladly thought, “Muneichi-san is a thankful person celebrating the 80th death anniversary of his parent while he is in good health.”

After the memorial service a lunch was served at the guest room. I sat next to Muneichi-san and during our conversation he showed me the gift and the letter of thanks presented to him by Makoto Yamazaki, the Japanese Consul General in San Francisco. The Japanese government presents this gift to centenarians on Keirokai, “Day of Respect for the Aged.”

Muneichi-san was born on July 13, 1904 in the Oshima Island in the prefecture of Yamaguchi. At the age of 13, he came to Auburn, California, summoned by his father. His father, Zenkiichi was one of the Japanese leaders in Auburn and strived for the establishment of a Buddhist temple. In 1930, Muneichi-san strived in the Young Buddhist Association to establish the Girls Association.

His wife, Shigeyo is 96 years old. This year is their Continued on Page 4
The other day in the Jomyoji Temple in Funabashi in Chiba, we celebrated the memorial service of my grandmother and my parents. We were grateful that 10 Buddhist minister relatives participated. While serving at the memorial service, I was remembering my mother who passed away six years ago.

One year before she died I visited my sick mother at the hospital in Japan. Because of a stroke she could not walk and she could not talk. My younger brother asked me to visit my sick mother one day at the hospital since I had come all the way from the US. At once I agreed and early in the morning I visited my mother at the hospital. I sat beside my sick mother’s bed and sometimes I talked to her. There was no reply from my mother who could not talk. But I still talked to my mother. I showed her the photo of my children that I had brought from the US. In this way the day ended.

The next day I had to come back to the US. On the way to the airport, putting the luggage in my brother’s car, I went to the hospital to say goodbye to my mother. My brother said to our mother, “Mom, Tetchan came to see you. Now Tetchan will go back to the US.” I said to our mother, “Mom, I will come back. Get healthy.” My mother could not talk. Tears came out of her eyes. There was no conversation but I felt like listening what mother wanted to tell me.

“Tetchan, thank you for your visit. Please come back healthy. I am waiting for you.”

Thinking back, that was our last time together in my mother’s life. My mother had speech impairment but one tear strongly shook my chest.

Ten years I spent some time with my mother but now that I recall, I can say that I really understood my parent. I truly understood my mother’s heart. Looking at the last tears of my mother in this life, I came to know my mother’s heart. I was thinking that I went back to Japan especially to visit my sick mother, but when I was looking at my mother’s figure I was ashamed that I had such feelings. A mother is a thankful thing.

It is said that a mother is always waiting. The son that went to the US. She does not know when he will come back but mother is waiting for her son’s return.

Mother does not get tired of waiting. This is the heart of a parent. This is the warmth of a parent’s heart.

When I learned that my mother was waiting for me I felt joyful.

In Wariko Kai’s poem, Our voice that call the Buddha is Buddha’s voice that is calling us I was thinking that I was calling with my mouth but actually Amida Buddha’s great compassion cannot be without rescuing me and is the voice that continues to call me.

Mother never gets tired of waiting. It is my life but at the same time it is not my life.

I was blessed with today’s life because I was raised.

From long ago how many times have I called "Mom, mom." But I was not calling my mother. That was the reply to my mother’s calling voice.

Learning the kindness of Amida Buddha’s compas- sion through my mother’s heart, I became the heart that requests wholeheartedly to Amida Buddha who rescues me, and the heart that emerges in the attitude sim- ilar to the love of the child for the mother.

My heart is filled with joy to venerate Amida Buddha.

At the memorial service my brother, the resident minister of Eikoji Temple in Germany, myself from the US, my sister staff member of former Ryukoku University, my two brothers resident ministers of Jomyoji Temple in Toyama and Chiba.

On occasion of mother’s memorial service we came to know that we are never alone and we have lived wrapped by the love of many relatives. Above all I thought with joy that all have lived together with the Nembutsu.

Through my mother’s memorial service I verified that my family is connected not only by the same blood but by the Nembutsu will connect to the future.

Rev. Teshii Aoyama

“Hearing My Mother’s Heart” By Rev. Teshii Aoyama

“If, as the child thinks of his mother, The beings think of the Buddha, They will doubtlessly see the Tathagata In the present life or in the near future.”

Hymns in Praise of Mahasthamapartha Bodhisattva Based on the Surangama Sutra (Ryukoku Translation series)

This is a poem in the Buddhist Hymns of Praise of the Pure Land. When sentient beings think on Amida Just as a child thinks of its mother, They indeed see the Tathagata—who is never distant—Both in the present and in the future.

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SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE HOSTS N/W DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Paul Vielle

At the N/W District Convention, left, Spokane Vice President Leslie Green, right, President Christine Marr.

After twenty years in relative obscurity, no full-time minister since 1991 and a calamitous fire that destroyed the temple in 1992, the Spokane Buddhist Temple stepped back into prominence last month, when it hosted the Northwest District Buddhist Convention on Feb. 10-12. The event took place at the newly restored Dav enport, a vintage hotel of the early 1900s. It was the perfect setting for the nearly 300 people who attended. Even the weather cooperated as blue skies appeared and temperatures climbed into the mid-40’s for the weekend.

Temple Board President and Convention Co-Chair Christine Marr, called everyone to order and Bishop of the BCA, Socho Koshin Ogiu, officiated for the opening service. Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, the keynote speaker, spoke eloquently and with great humor on the Buddhist lessons he has learned from his cat. In addition to the usual plenary sessions and workshops, the convention offered a special program called “Experiencing the Dharma.” The intent was to attract people in the local community who might be curious about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. To everyone’s surprise, over 80 people showed up to hear the lectures and attend the service! Other invited speakers on the program were Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Rev. Gregory Gibbs, Rev. Dennis Fuji moto, Rev. Kakei Nakagawa and Ven. Bhante Seelawimala.

During the Saturday night banquet, Mrs. Joyce Terao, widow of the late Rev. Hideo Terao, praised the Spokane sangha for their hard work and dedication in helping the temple to grow. Rev. Terao founded the Spokane Buddhist Temple in 1946. A highlight of the evening was the after-dinner entertainment which featured a live jazz band, a karate demonstration, a choral pre- sentation, a belly dancer and spontaneous danc- ing from members of the audience. All in all, the convention was a most relaxing and enjoyable experience.

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Spokane Buddhist Temple Hosts N/W District Convention

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Standing by the JSC model at the National Council Meeting. Doug Asato, Caryl (Doug’s sister), Roy Suzuki, and Rev. Ron Kobata.

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The Winter Retreat in Ontario

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omeone once said, “No lapse of time or distance of place can lessen the friendship of those who are truly persuaded of each other’s worth.” So much is true for the friendships that I have made through the YAC Youth Retreat.

As you may know from my previous article, I spent seven days in July with ten other young Buddhists coming from Washington, Oregon and California. We spent the week learning about Buddhism, learning and conducting services and learning how to chant among other things. We each came into the retreat not knowing what to expect and I’m sure we all underestimated the dynamic effect that it would have on each and every one of us. We each gained not only knowledge, but also friends that none of us would ever forget. In our last heart filled days together all of us realized that it was a possibility that we would never see each other again.

In late August, only a month after we had left all of our new friends, we were informed that we would be having a Reunion Retreat in January. It was set to be in Ontario, Oregon at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple. The second thing that came to my mind besides how excited I was and how much I missed everyone was, “Didn’t Laurel and Brady say that it SNOWS in Oregon?” But nonetheless Brooke and I were ecstatic about Reunion Retreat.

The five-month wait between the time we heard the good news and the time we’d be leaving was just about the longest five months I have ever encountered, but not until a week before we left did it really sink in. “Can you believe that we’re going to be in Oregon in a week?!?” Brooke would say to me. I honestly couldn’t believe it either.

We woke up at 3 o’clock in the morning to catch our 6 a.m. flight and Brooke, Rinban Bob, Sensei Grace and I were off to Boise, Idaho. The moment we stepped off the plane, we knew we were in Idaho. It was a lot colder then Sacramento, but fortunately for me (someone who doesn’t do well in cold weather) it wasn’t as cold as Oregon. We were greeted by Mr. Kameshige and set off on our hour-long journey to Ontario, Oregon. The first thing I realized on the drive was how beautiful it was in Oregon. The sun was rising, the sky was a beautiful blue and the mountains were snow capped.

We arrived at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple and were warmly greeted by Reverend Dennis Fujimoto, Mr. George Issei (the owner of the house we were staying in), Sensei Patti and Sensei Peter. We had to wait for hours with anticipation for everyone else to show up, but when the Washington kids showed up there were instant screams of joy and lots of hugs. The other kids showed up periodically through out the day and they were greeted the same as the Washington kids.

Day two of our Retreat Reunion started with early service and a delicious breakfast from the Fujinakai ladies and Brady and Laurel’s mothers. We followed another delicious meal at lunch with a tour of the city. We went to the Cultural Center where we were able to learn about the history of Ontario and about the internment camps. We then drove around first to the Kameshige farm, then Laurel and Brady’s Houses, and then to their school. We followed our lesson on Shoshinge and the Hasans. This was our practice because we each had to perform a Wasan in pairs at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple’s Hoonko Service. In the evening we had a hands on project with Reverend Fujimoto, we made shapes out of dough that represented not only who we were but also our time together at both retreats.

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The Winter Retreat in Ontario

By Samantha Nitta, Sacramento Betsuin

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Higan Cherry Blossoms
In Full Bloom
By George T. Matsubayashi

T
ough January is also nor-
mally the coldest time of the year, and as we write this, the cherry tree in my front yard is in full bloom. My cherry tree is called a higan sakura. It gets its name from the fact that, at least in Japan, it blooms early, during the higan—the spring equinox—which, as you know, is during the end of March. (Sakura means both “cherry tree” and “cherry blossom”.) Since this spec-
ies usually comes into bloom during months of March and April, my tree is in the tree in my front yard blooming so early. It’s probably the mild southern California climate.

At any rate, my tree was planted as a sapling, when it was about three feet tall and about as thick as my thumb, during October of 1983. From about four or five years after that, for the past twenty years, it has come into full bloom every year during the end of January. My higan sakura tree was given to me by Mrs. Yuriko Kanemoto to commemorate her successful operation for a stom-
ach ulcer. It is one of two—the other was donated to the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple.

Mrs. Kanemoto was born in Kumamoto, Japan and she used to say that during the spring equi-
nox, higan sakura trees planted by her great-grandfather were in full

day. In 1984, Mrs. Yuriko Kanemoto was planted, on March 18, the house in which she was born.

bloom completely surrounding

to say that during the spring equi-

trees planted by

primal Vow that Amida Buddha

"that world" (the Pure Land) is

world" for the enlightenment of

(leading me to Enlightenment)…” That’s what

bled Master Shirin pointed out, we must be ready for two things about the Pure Land. The first is that it is a world without color or odor, or any dis-

crimination, that transcends human language, the second is that it is a world of “immeasurable light and life, where we can be reunited with those from whom we parted in this world.

The world of humans is a world in which self and other, a world in which our body eventually disappears, a world in which we die. The world of the Pure Land, how-
never, is a world in which we are born and live, a world in which we are reunited with those who we left in the world of delusion.

Although the Pure Land is the “other shore” (higan) described as being millions and millions

of each other, a world in which

two or five years later, the first year that the cherry blossoms in my front yard bloomed, I laid some straw mat-
ing under the tree and invited

Truly, it was a joy to host this convention. We want to thank everyone who attended the convention and support and encouragement. It’s a wonderful meeting so many old friends. With grateful hearts we can only say Namo Amida Butsu!

Public School Named
After BCA Member

Ryan Anita hugs his aunt, Nofuko Yokomi, after the unveiling of a plaque in honor of her late husband, Akira. The memorial was unveiled during the Nov. 3 dedication ceremony for Akira Yokomi Elementary, a two-story science and technology magnet school at Fresno Street and McKenzie Avenue.

The Fresno Unified School District named on Nov. 3, 2005, its newest magnet school for science and technology after the late Akira Yokomi, a lifetime member of the Fowler and Fresno Betsuin Buddhist churches.

In 1996, after serving the Japanese American and
greater communities for more than 50 years with his

and compassion. Yokomi’s funeral was held at the Fresno Betsuin and was attended by several thousand people, a test-
ament to the importance of his market to the community. Every Central California BCA family was the recipient of his kindness in some way or other.

And this kindness was also extended to many in the general community as well.

For 50 years, Yokomi worked day in and day out, never closing his store except on New Year’s day. When advised by a close friend that he should retire and take some time to enjoy his life, he responded by saying that if he retired, the elderly Japanese American com-
nunity would not have a source for their fresh fish and

Japanese food, so he couldn’t retire.

Tragically, after Yokomi’s life came to an end, the community grieved at his loss.

The Fresno Unified School District in naming this magnet school of 650 students which serves the greater Fresno area after Yokomi, recognized the exemplary life of Akira Yokomi, a dedicated American, who never sought fame or fortune, but with his kind heart and compassion dedicated his life to serving the community in the true spirit of a Bodhisattva.

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Centenarians
80th marriage anniver-
sary. They had eight
children. The eldest son
Yasuko died, but Jean,
Mat, Ray, Evelyn, Betty,
Don and Edith are in
good health. The children
have duty and devotion to
their parents and are a warm

family.

Muneichi-san managed
the Yamazaki Nurs-
eries for many years and
did landscape gardening
for many Japanese

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Spokane

experience. Leslie Green, SBH and president of the con-
vention co-chair summed it up for all of us, "It was a lot
of hard work, but there’s a limit to what can be accom-
plished when no one cares who gets the credit. What a
joy it is to be part of the Spokane sangha.”

Live A Life of Awakening
2006 BCA Theme

and the garden of the Placer Buddhist Temple. At the Colma Japanese
Cemetery in San Fran-
cisco, he helped in the commemorative tombstone of Socho Matsukage of the Buddhist Churches of America by excavating a large 10-feet stone from the bottom of the dam at Folsom Lake in 1951. I drank sake with Mr. Muneichi Yamasaki who values his father and mother and values the Bud-

Dharma.

The NHK of Japan has

an NHK TV program "Hurrah to the Centenarians" and

introduced me to Mr. Muneichi Yamasaki for the American edition of "Hurrah to a Centenar-
ian."
Pakistan Earthquake Presentation and Fundraiser at Midwest Buddhist Temple

By Susan Gilkey

Midwest Buddhist Temple welcomed Farhan Bokhari on Dec. 18, for a presentation about his participation in a help mission to Pakistan in the region affected by the October 8th earthquake. Dr. Bokhari is a trauma surgeon at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He often serves in disaster relief and is well-versed in the procedures for the hurricanes, Rita and Katrina.

In the morning of Oct. 8, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake occurred in Pakistan at the foot of K2, the second highest mountain in the Himalayas within the region of Kashmir. At the epicenter, the town of Bala-kot, which coincidentally was where Dr. Bokhari’s family grew up, nearly every building was destroyed and most of the population was killed. In all, about 75,000 people died.

Dr. Bokhari gave a very interesting account about Pakistan, one of the poorest countries in the world. About 60% of the population is under 20 years old, the average income per person is $36,000, in Pakistan it is only $2,000. Most of the buildings were ill equipped to withstand the earthquake. The quake caused the concrete slab roofs simply collapsed. His pictures portrayed such extensive destruction! One photo was of the downtown area of the city, and there was nothing but rubble. Another was of the main highway which simply came to a dead end in a landslide mountain of earth.

Dr. Bokhari during his mission was not only in the operating room, and working in a makeshift ER but also in charge of running the only remaining eye hospital and coordinating with the medical teams which had come from all over the world such as from India, Canada, South America, Bosnia and Japan. Most of the doctors and nurses had come there, simply because they wanted to help. The helpers were sent by the people, not the governments. Other organizations present included Doctors without Borders, UNICEF and WHO.

The doctors and nurses of Dr. Bokhari’s team attended to about 600 patients every day, all day long, day after day after day. That was required by many teams to curtail the spread of highly communicable diseases such as whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria as the victims of the earthquake made their way from the burying villages to the tents and the help mission medical center. Some of the important work was vaccinating everyone.

Most of the people coming to the area had never seen a syringe. Some patients had to be repeatedly vaccinated against diseases such as long term care such as spinal cord trauma.

Dr. Bokhari was very generous with his time and spoke at all three services at MBT, not as the dharma talk, but as a special “PowerPoint” presentation after classes and services. He talked to the high school dharma school class and they asked many questions. Topics ranged from meditation Arrangements will be made so that interested students can visit Cook County Hospital Trauma Unit. There were also questions about the government in Pakistan and also a little about Islam. The students really enjoyed the session.

At the same time, a bake sale was going on to raise money to further assist victims of the Pakistani earthquake. Our Zen- shin sangha and the Dharma Bee committee worked very hard to provide a delicious selection. We decided to support the organization the Islamic Medical Societies in North America. Their website, www.imana.org is very impressive. Check it out! In fact, because of the quality and scope of the photos, it is hard to tell since he is wearing a surgical mask and gown.

At a time when there is so much need yet so much divisiveness in the world, it seems great that Midwest Buddhist Temple is in the forefront of participation in the interest of inter-faith and humanitarian efforts.

Here surely is Amida’s Golden Chain that stretches around the world. All the helpers in Pakistan from all over the world are very bright links. Let us all keep our link bright and strong!

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meeting was looking into increasing the budget over $1.8 million. The Endowment Foundation’s budget over $1.8 million. The Endowment Foundation’s budget is currently housed at the Museum in Los Angeles. Any receipts or symposia for the general public. Currently, there are 15 members who have been preparing for us to come for months. Everyone was extremely friendly and we never ran out of things to talk about with the different people.

We followed up with a lesson on Jodo Shin Buddhism from the teachers of “teachers” of all ages and backgrounds. During the Eitaiko and Closing Service, held at the Sacramento Betsuin, Rev. Ray Mayhugh from Walnut Grove Buddhist Church was certified as the newest Minister’s Assistant. Socho Ogui also installed the Ministers’ Association cabinet and BCA Executive Committee. The 2006-2007 officers are: President – Dr. Gordon Berman (Ekoji), President-elect – Dr. Billy Saecki (Venice), Vice Presidents – Sumi Tanabe (San Jose) and Jeffrey Suda (Oakland). Secretary – Mary Ann Miyake, Treasurer – Everett Wada (Tri-State/Deer), Auditor – Ronald Marmaka (White River).

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Retreat

Day three of our retreat was “show time,” it was the Sunday of Hoontou, we had been practicing for our note service at least 10 times together and I’m sure about 100 times in our heads. We practiced again and then finally we had service. Everyone hit their parts perfectly and then we headed to lunch with the sangha.

We were able to interact with everyone from the temple and we met many members who had been preparing for us to come for months. Everyone was extremely friendly and we never ran out of things to talk about with the different people. We followed up with a lesson on Jodo Shin Buddhism from the teachers of “teachers” of all ages and backgrounds.

Our last day of the retreat was filled with joy, but also sadness because yet again we had to return back to our own homes. We had our last meal together, took lots of pictures and headed off in the 15-passenger van to Boise. When we got to the airport we said our goodbyes to Laurel and Brady and then waited for each of our planes to depart. Apparently we left just in time, as they said a plane had never seen a syringe. Some patients had to be repeatedly vaccinated against diseases such as long term care such as spinal cord trauma.

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The BCA Youth Advocacy Committee is sponsoring the second Youth Retreat from July 3-9, hosted at the Sacramento Betsuin. We will be a week of meditation and discussion about the Jodo Shinshu teachings and experiencing the traditional Buddhist temple. The registration fee is $50. Anyone interested between the ages of 15-16 years of age is welcome to attend. Please contact your local temple or minister for a registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Inokoji-Kim at (303) 456-5441, Tim Castle at (916) 684-0749 or Grace Hata at (916) 242-6363.

We look forward to an insightful and fun weekend program.