

# SD BWA 2023 Quarter 4 Chapter Report

Please use this to submit information on the projects and events planned by your chapter. Please submit by Dec. 6, 2023. Your responses will be posted on the SDBWA website: <https://southerndistrictbwa.weebly.com>

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## Events and projects since October 2023. \*

- October 28th, Saturday – BWA Sushi making class for BWA members. The "younger" members rolled under the guidance of a veteran member in order to brush up on our skills. We plan to have another session at the beginning of 2024 to continue practicing our rolling techniques. Thereafter, we plan to invite the YABA to join us for a sushi making session in 2024, since they expressed an interest to have a joint activity with us.
- Saturday, November 11th – PIF (Pass It Forward) GBC fundraiser. Udon dinner followed by bingo in our social hall with a bake sale and crafts corner sale. It was a great success, thanks to the support of all the sangha.
- November 19th, Sunday. Eitaikyo Service. BWA made takikomi Gohan for the otoki, starting from Saturday, 11/18 to prep the ingredients and continuing Sunday morning before service. BWA also in charge of the osonae for the onaijin.
- November 25, 2023, Saturday. Homebound member visits. We visited 4 homebound members, taking orchid plant gifts to each recipient.
- December 3, 2023, Sunday. Bodhi Day. BWA in charge of providing osonae.
  - o Monthly BWA meeting followed by General Meeting. Elections held and installation of 2024 cabinet will occur on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

## Upcoming projects/events/activities in this next quarter. \*

- December 9th, Saturday. PIF Festival of Lights event. Join us for a walk-through of our version of the Pure Land, recreated in the GBC parking lot, followed by hot chocolate and a bake sale in our Social Hall.
- December 10th, Sunday. Oseibo Taikai. BWA will join the program by singing "Haru wa Saku" and "Yuyake Koyake"
- December 17th, Sunday. Year end temple cleanup – immediately after service.
- January 14th, Sunday. Ho-Onko Service & Seijinshiki Ceremony.
- February, 2026 – GBC BWA 100th anniversary. Planning committee formed and will meet in January 2024 to discuss details.

## Fundraisers you would like to announce:

Our Pure Land Festival of Lights will be on December 9th, from 5pm-7pm. Donation: \$5 / person. Hot chocolate, tea & coffee included. We will also have a bake sale and our Community Projects will be selling items in the social hall.

Do you have ideas or strategies you have used or plan to use to attract new BWA members? \*

We've started sharing our sushi recipes & techniques with interested temple members and Japanese School teachers / students, in order to bring attention to the BWA. We've also offered to provide lunch to the JR YBA Conference in September 2023, in order to raise our profile with these younger groups.

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