

the Dharma

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Compassion Action

G Sakamoto

By the time you read this the 2020 elections may be over. We may still be counting votes. We may still be deciding who won the election. This has been a contentious, divisive election, one that will have significant consequences for a long time.

We will need to return to talking with one another. If there is nothing to return to then we will need to build the opportunities for conversations. When anger, greed and foolishness drive our thoughts and actions reconciliation will be elusive. We must be all the more mindful of our actions.

To act with compassion and kindness may seem impossible. The alternative is division. Whether it is to ignore, suppress or deny another the result is separation and division. It is hard work to bring together the differences that separate. Thoughts like, "I'm right. You're wrong", lead to breaks in relationships that separate one from another. Whether as individuals or groups that separation offers opportunities for difficulties to arise. There can be no movement toward reconciliation without conversation. If we shout past each other we cannot hear each other. To hear we must each listen. To listen acknowledges the speaker's humanity. The greater the difference the harder it is truly listen.

Our world is filled with opportunities to build understanding through compassion. Understanding through compassion is acknowledging the other and finding common ground.

We need to acknowledge that the differences we have are only a part of who we are. The differences, cultural, economic, political are profoundly important characteristics but originate from experiences that we all share and have in common. Your circumstances will shape how you experience the world but your experience is still rooted in core human experiences. Your response to hunger maybe to go to the refrigerator and get something to eat or trying unsuccessfully to gather food. Whether you eat or go hungry, hunger is the common human experience that is shared. If we are indifferent to hunger then people will go hungry. If we identify with the hunger of others we might be moved to help.

A part of compassion is empathy. It is a willingness to identify with the circumstances of another. If we cannot empathize with the anger of the other then we cannot begin a conversation. If I can hear the other pass the anger I might begin to hear the person and not just respond to the anger. As Buddhists we know that anger only causes more difficulties.

Sometimes we must change the conversation so we can hear one another. A wonderful example was US Supreme Court Justices Ginsburg and Scalia. They were often on opposite sides on the court's rulings but their friendship was well known. The differences that separated them as judges did not distort their ability to see each other as human beings.

"Seeing the World With Amida's Wisdom"

Etsuko Mikame

In our daily life, various events occur continuously and various emotions spring up in our hearts. It's still good for your happy moments but what should we do when events or feelings that are not?

I think it's one of the questions we are constantly searching for solutions. What is the most effective method you have ever done? Or how do you survive the difficult situation now?

I think that there are various ways to suit each person. From this perspective, I'm also one of the people who have been searching for the solution. I think the most effective way to do this is to "just observe" without any of your own judgement. It is different than just looking at things with your eyes.

In Buddhist term, we call it as "contemplation". This is merit which practitioners can eventually receive through Buddha's wisdom.

However, even hearing Buddha Dharma, it is still hard for human beings to do this because constantly our perspectives, prejudice and our biased thought disturbs us from seeing the world as it is.

For example, when we see the movements of ants, there are various ways of seeing the same thing.

Some people may think "Eww, there are many ants. It's so disgusting.", or others may think "they are carrying food which is bigger than their bodies to their nest. Go for it!" When we see the same things, there are many ways of seeing according to each person's perspectives. At first glance, both cases seem to have different emotional directions, but both are perspectives on what is involved in personal emotions.

When you try to observe things without any of your thought, you may be able to see the scene just like telling yourself what is going on with a video with an objective eye : "they are carrying food to their nest. They are heading for food."

By the way, let's not misunderstand, but it doesn't mean that it is not good to see things with your thought and emotion. Rather, I think emotion is also a manifestation of wonderful creativity. However, what I would like to show here is that important point when we observe objects is to maintain a certain space between you and them. It is to see the simple and pure world away from your desires and emotions.

When you observe others , circumstances, your own emotions, , your thoughts, your senses, it is the way to just keep a certain space between you and objects without being controlled by your personal emotions, experiences and thoughts.

When you feel a bitter feeling or face difficulties, "just see it as it is" is not doing anything for it. Sometimes, our angers and fears impulsively disturb us from seeing the things or situations as they are. So, just stop and try to observe it just like Amida Buddha sees our lives.

Although we tend to want to know what to do or want to do something to get over the difficulty, but just try to see what it is and as it is.

It is a very simple, but it is an effective way to get over the unpleasant situation. I try to do this as much as possible....but still try and error.

Buddha always encourages each of us with its compassionate eyes.

President's Message

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are healthy and well. Please take care and stay safe.

If you registered to vote and have not voted, please do so and not wait till November 3rd. From October 31, 2020, through Monday, November 2, 2020, each polling place will be required to be open for at least eight hours, and on the day of the election, the consolidated polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please find an official drop box nearest you. See <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov/> You can drop your ballots into any US Mail box. Please send your ballots early as post offices will be very busy.

As the days become shorter and cooler, autumn is in full swing. Tree leaves are changing and we are beginning to think about the upcoming holidays. Many of the local farmers remember prunes, walnuts, almonds, apples, persimmons, Asian pears are all in season now. Pumpkins also let us know which season we are in. It has been a very warm summer and now we invite the cooler days. Things are winding down and we can reflect back on the recent year. This year has been a year to remember or forget.

This is an election year so people have the election on their minds and are trying to make decisions on how to vote. We need to keep in mind the riots in cities and the killings of many unarmed citizens by police who were unprepared to deal with difficult situations. This has started the "Black Lives Matter" movement. A movement that is long overdue but necessary to reveal the unpleasant civil condition of the United States. We call our home, "Land of the Free" and "Home of the Brave." If one section of our society is not free, then we are not a free country. Does a gun make you brave and automatically make you the judge and executioner? I am hoping the election will bring back the unity this country once had.

Forest fires are becoming an annual event. We have people who were affected by the SZU fire in Santa Cruz and were evacuated. The smoke from the SZU, LNU near Lake Berryessa, SCU east of San Jose was impacting San Jose where we had some of the worst air in the world. AQI readings of 200-300 (very unhealthy) were not uncommon. Previous consecutive spare the air record was forty-six in 2017, this year the record was broken by two days.

Coronavirus pandemic causes wedding delays, school closes for face to face classes, no large gatherings like ball games, church gatherings (Obon), and the very daunting problem of toilet paper shortage. Let's not dwell only on the bad that occurred, let's discuss the good things that happened in 2020. There were babies still being born. Warriors did not make the playoffs but they have the second pick in the draft. Brandon Aiyuk looks like a promising wide receiver for the Forty-niners. We will experience a "Blue Moon" on Halloween. There's a new hope for peanut allergy sufferers. The treatment, Palforzia, won't eliminate peanut allergy altogether, but it will train people's immune systems to help avoid serious reactions to accidental exposures. PlayStation 5 and the Xbox Series X, hit the market in 2020. Without the pandemic, many of us would not be proficient in Zoom or Google Meets. Many of us were able to watch the comet, Neowise which will not reappear for another 6,800 years. No matter the situation, we can and will overcome life's obstacles life will go on.

Be sure to join in on Sunday for virtual service at 9:30 and 10:00 with Rinban Sakamoto and Mikame Sensei. See Link below.

In Gassho,
Ed Nodohara

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 1, 2020, 7:00PM

1. MOTIONS

1. Review of September 3, 2020 meeting minutes: Minutes were corrected and edited electronically on the document. Motioned by Steve Onishi and seconded by Mas Nishimura. Minutes were approved and Motion passed as amended. Abstentions: Kevin Kitagawa and Janice Doi.
2. Motion was made by Dennis Akizuki to have the final version of the board restructure presented by President Elect Steve Onishi and approved by the board. Seconded by Kevin Kitagawa. Motion passed.
3. Laptop controller: Motion was made to authorize Kevin Kitagawa to ask Matt Ogawa to purchase a laptop for Zoom meetings (Janice Doi/Mas Nishimura). Motion passed
4. Annual meeting: Motion by Dennis Akizuki to schedule the annual meeting at 11:30 on December 13th following the Bodhi Day Service. Seconded by Gloria Yamauchi. Motion passed.

B. MEETING REPORTS:

1. New Board Meeting structure and Bylaws changes update: Joyce Iwasaki
 - a. Structure of the Board: Executive Committee includes the ministers, president, past president. Vice Presidents have three (3+) committees reporting back to them.
 - b. To serve on a committee, one need not be a board member. Members can work on one or two or more committees. Recruiting for board may be easier. Non-board members will be asked to join various committees. Committee members will be able to concentrate or focus on the committee's goal. If an issue needs the full board's approval, then a full board meeting can be called.
 - c. Full board meeting will not be held monthly. Discussions are in committee setting.
 - d. Steve Onishi will send out a more detailed concept before the next board meeting.
2. Update on Fundraising opportunity (Generations Pickers) suggested by Mike Mori on eBay: Steve Onishi said big ticket donations for auction are not coming in. Need to spread the word. Steve is open to new ideas on advertising. The Generation Pickers advertisement is in the Yu-Ai Kai newsletter. Janice Oda is helping Mike with advertisement and perhaps is seeking donations from Yu-Ai Kai membership. Steve will check with Mike.
3. Dharma School families will be encouraged to become members of the temple. List the advantages of being a member of the temple. Ed to contact Membership Committee. Virtual Organization Day: Deborah Aso sent out an email asking organizations if they want to participate in a virtual Organization Day. Mas Nishimura said he could help with setting up Zoom breakout sessions. Mas will speak to Deborah. Rinban suggested that the Membership committee (Dina Nakano and Rajan Saigusa) be involved since this is their project. Plan to be presented next meeting.

4. Through Generation II, Janice Doi says consultant Dean Osaki encourages the temple to use the email system to communicate. Deborah Aso sends out notices to heads of organizations about upcoming events and other information that would be pertinent to the organizations. The organization forwards these emails to their members. In that email, some of the questions could be – Are you interested in becoming a temple member? Would you like more information? The Betsuin has online membership and dues capabilities. Dennis Akizuki suggests the membership committee be involved with this idea. Email letters can be sent to Dharma School as well as Jr. & adult Choirs, BWA, Japanese Language School and other Betsuin organizations, not affiliated organizations.
5. Virtual Organization Day results: Dina Nakano and Rajan Saigusa
 1. Power point presentation was on YouTube video. Twelve organizations participated.
 2. Office staff put together the Power Point.
 3. Deborah Aso is the owner of the site. Ed Nodohara will contact Deborah to preserve Virtual Organization Day YouTube video.
6. Update on ADVG to rewire Hondo/Annex for \$4,400; laptop controller: Kevin Kitagawa
 1. First thing that needs to be done is to debug to see if the security camera installation caused the possible crimp in the wiring-- part of the service contract. Kevin received a new proposal totaling \$6,500. He questioned the additional \$2,100 quote for the additional 2 wires in the updated proposal to fix Hondo/Annex wiring. The cable and labor cost of \$900 (additional 8 hours) increased significantly. Randy Suzuki will be asked to negotiate the numbers down. If the requote is not negotiable, Kevin will bring the \$6,500 proposal to the next board meeting. But first - debug may eliminate the rewiring for now. Service contract was executed for a year.
 7. Long Term Disability Insurance for Betsuin update: Joyce Iwasaki/Ed Nodohara
 - a. Policy is completed and should arrive any day
 - b. The insurance is effective October 1, 2020
8. Update on investments on BCA Endowment custodial account with Angeles Investments: A committee was formed with Paul Endo, Ed Nodohara and Steve Onishi. They were given numbers from Diane Fujioka, but they are not final numbers. The committee will Zoom meet this week and discuss the available cash for investment. Then the committee will be able to present their recommendation at the next board meeting.
9. City of San Jose has plans to redo the crosswalk in front of the Betsuin. Jim McClure would like to be on the committee, which will include Ed Nodohara, Steve Onishi as well as representatives from Lotus, Dharma School, Scouts, etc. Dept. of Transportation had several crosswalks on their docket, but Vicki Takeda of Japantown Community Congress was able to make our crosswalk a priority. Dennis Akizuki has talked to CAW. He says beware that CAW's plans include changing the crosswalk location. We must let the City know potentially this is a possibility.
10. Rinban says to go the BCA website...there are many good seminars ...all free: Women in Buddhism with Carmela Hirano, M.D. and others; Good Trouble (Richard Stambul); Practical Buddhism with Bishop Marvin Harada as guest speaker.
11. Morgan Hill Temple – Purchasing the laptop will help communicate with the congregation
12. Joyce Iwasaki announced that Keiro Kai is set for November 21st. Gifts for Keiros: Houseplants ordered from Cupertino Florist (Bob Uenaka) and boxed shortbread cookies from Kelley's Kookies. Gifts will be delivered on the November 21st with the help of many volunteers. Joyce asked for volunteers from the board. Letter will be sent out this coming week. Janice Oda created the letterhead and form.
13. Larry Handa reported for the youth organizations:

- a. Cub Scout Pack 611 is having its annual Popcorn Sale. Orders are being done online due to Covid-19. Cub Scouts will deliver to you. Flyer in the Dharma
- b. Venturing Crew 611 is holding an e-Waste Collection Event on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 9-3. Drop off items at A&J Electronics Recycling, 763 Mabury Rd, San Jose
- c. Rinban Sakamoto may be speaking at a Boys Scout event.
- d. G.S. investiture ceremony will be this Friday.
- e. Migration, this weekend, for the phone number access. Rinban Sakamoto and Mikame Sensei will be able have this access, too. "Howa" sessions can be available for those who do not have or use the internet. All Betsuin's Scout troops have been meeting virtually. Thanks to Kevin Kitagawa for creating Betsuin Google accounts for all the Scout troops. Girl Scout, Boy Scout and Dharma School all have the sjbc.org account

14. Japanese Language School: Gloria Yamauchi

- a. One teacher quit less than a week before school started.
- b. Hired a substitute teacher.
- c. Now have 25 students
- d. Detailed report to follow

15. BWA: Karen Akimoto –

- a. Mrs. Hisako Tao has decided to retire from the board member after 22 years, thank you Mrs. Tao, Moschel Kadokura will join the board in January 2021
- b. Eshinniko/Kakushinni/Lady Ohtani memorial service will be virtual this year on November 15th at the 10:00am service. Guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra of Orange County Buddhist Church.
- c. Joyce Iwasaki is organizing a See's Candy fundraiser in time for the holidays. The funds will be earmarked for the World Conference in 2023

16. Garden Committee: Many years ago, Marvin Aoki planted an ume tree at Morrill Middle School. Susan Aoki, Marvin's daughter, would like to have that tree replanted in the Betsuin garden. Stan Kawamata has a place for the ume tree in the garden.

17. Upgrade Zoom temporarily for large gatherings from 100 to 500 is being discussed.

18. Disaster Relief Fund Report: See Joyce Iwasaki's report Dennis met with Chris Watney (CAW) and Thomas Koyama. Dennis informed them that the estimated cost of \$27M was unrealistic. The estimated goal would be in the ballpark of \$10M. Chris thought by having Lotus and Dharma School in one building on the north side and the other building for the social hall, etc. in the south end between 4th & 5th Streets may work. Kurasaki house will not be touched and space for storage is not considered in the plan. Nothing will be on 4th St. side. Obon storage: consider having a specialty company, store and put up booths, etc. so the need for Obon storage can be drastically reduced. Larry Handa suggests Leslie Kitazumi should be contacted involving Obon storage issues.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Pam Matsuoka BCA – Music Committee Temple Survey to all temples. Survey requesting each temple's musical capability and talent. Ed Nodohara forwarded the message to Paul Endo to work with our music directors on the survey/
- 2. Remind groups to hear the weekly Sunday Dharma Service at 9:30 or 10:10 on Betsuin YouTube Channel: [UCNzzDwOSv9YWh7nNfh1IjGw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzzDwOSv9YWh7nNfh1IjGw)
- 3. BCA Jam - Virtual Youth Event: participates need to contact by November 1st.
- 4. We shine! We Vote! Speakers include May Mineta (Norm Mineta's previous wife) and others as well as representatives from the Betsuin's Girl Scout troop and Jr. YBA on Zoom, Oct. 6, 7-8pm. Invitation on Eventbrite

5. Joyce wanted to thank Randy Suzuki for writing a lengthy report on stock transfer.
6. Steve Onishi – wants everyone to start thinking about next Obon and other events...think outside of the box.
7. Next Board Meeting scheduled for November 5th at 7:00 on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Nodohara

Editor's message

Another month of the pandemic with no change in sight. We are trying to stay well by not going anywhere except to run the car once in awhile. We are getting somewhat used to the routine....watching a lot of TV, making bathroom runs, snacking, etc. My outdoor activity is mainly to water my front and back yards.

As we watch the news, we still see people who gather for various events, many not wearing masks. It's a behavior that is irresponsible and one that I can't understand.

It's interesting how the different businesses are trying to cope by setting tables outdoors, etc. I truly feel for those businesses trying to stay in business during this pandemic. I wish them well.

As of this newsletter, the election for the president and vice-president may or may not be over. Let's hope that the outcome will be a good one for the entire country. I hope you all voted.

So, with this message, I wish everyone a healthy and virus-free life with some enjoyable times in between. Stay smart and wear a mask wherever you go, shelter in place if you can, wash your hands often, and stay well.

In gassho,
Sally Idemoto

Oseibo

As the end of this year approaches, it is time again to consider oseibo. Oseibo is an end of the year gift, which is a tradition in Japan and also practiced at some temples here in the United States. Oseibo is the tradition of giving gifts to people as a demonstration of our appreciation for their help during the past year. As you reflect upon the past year, think about what is really important to you and who has assisted you along the way, and you may want to give them a gift or monetary donation. An oseibo is a direct reflection of what we consider important in our lives, as we realize that true happiness comes from dana or the selfless act of giving.

You are free to show your appreciation toward our Betsuin ministers, Minister Assistants and office staff in this traditional manner by giving your gift directly to the individual as some of you have been doing for years, or by sending your check to the Betsuin Oseibo Committee along with the Oseibo letter form included in this issue. The form allows you to designate the recipient(s) of your gift and also specify whether you wish to remain anonymous. The Betsuin finance committee advises that funds distributed to employees by the Betsuin will be subject to the appropriate taxes.

The Oseibo committee will acknowledge all donations to the Oseibo Fund. Additional forms will be available at the Betsuin office. Your forms and checks need to be received at the Betsuin office by Sunday, December 13 to be included in this end-of-the-year distribution.

(form on following page)

To: San Jose Betsuin Oseibo Committee

From: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Subject: Oseibo Donation for Ministers, Office Staff and Others (Please submit by December 13, 2020)

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Oseibo Fund for 2020. I understand my donation will be distributed to the Betsuin personnel as I have designated below.

Please distribute my donation as follows. (check one of the following boxes):

☐

☒ Distribute however the Oseibo Committee determines to be appropriate;

OR

☐

☒ I would like my donation divided among the following Betsuin employees (indicate amount to each person you want to include):

\$ _____ Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

\$ _____ Reverend Etsuko Mikame

\$ _____ Randy Suzuki, Office Manager

\$ _____ Office Staff (will be divided among office staffers)

\$ _____ Weekend Office Staff (will be divided among weekend staffers)

\$ _____ Minister Assistants (will be divided among the MAs)

\$ _____ Other (name): _____

\$ _____ Other (name): _____

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Total \$ _____ (sum of all amounts you designated above)

Please check one of the following boxes:

☐

You may reveal my name and amount to the persons I have designated above; OR

☐

You may reveal my name, but not amount to the persons I have designated above; OR

☐

I prefer to remain anonymous, please do not reveal my name.

Donated by: _____

Signature

Make checks payable to: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

(Oseibo Committee Use Only)

Amount Received: \$ _____ Check Number: _____

Date Received: _____

Added to Master Oseibo List: _____

Date Acknowledged: _____

BETSUIN ORGANIZATION NEWS

Buddhist Women's Association

by Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair, sent 2 cards this past month.

Do not forget to attend the virtual Eshinniko/Kakushinni/Lady Yoshiko Ohtani/BWA Memorial Services for the past year's deceased BWA members. The service will be combined with the 10:10 AM service on Sunday, November 15, 2020. The guest speaker is Reverend Dr. Mutsumi Wondra from Orange County Buddhist Church.

Our creative and energetic Activity Co-Chairs Lynda Ichinaga and Joanne Akizuki created a Family Feud game for all BWA members on Friday, October 23, 2020. I heard everyone had a good time. This is what Lynda and Joanne reported: "FAMILY FEUD has come to the SJBWA! Pandemic you say? Well, we can still do it! Through the efforts of our "Zoommaster" Lynda Ichinaga and her helper Joanne Akizuki, we were able to host the first Family Feud game time for our members. 18 people participated as audience/team member. We had 2 teams, "Yaki Manjus" and the "Kaki Mochis". Kaki Mochis won the match. It was great for people to see and hear from each other besides the team play. Stay tuned members and we hope to try this again! You don't need a Zoom account to watch/participate." Thank you, Lynda and Joanne, for all the hard work you put into this very successful event.

Joyce Iwasaki sent an email about our See's Candy fundraiser which will benefit the 2003 Buddhist Women's Conference in Kyoto, Japan. So, let us get out there and sell, sell, sell!

BWA appreciates and gives a grateful thank you to the following people for their donations to the organization:

Moschel Kadokura for general donation
Bob Terasaki in memory of Marlene Terasaki
Mary Tokiwa in memory of Shig Tokiwa

Jr. YBA

by Cassidy Yoneda

October was a jam-packed month for us YBAers! To kick off the month, we had our General Meeting on October 11th over Zoom. We had a great turnout with many new members in attendance. The following week our current juniors attended a college workshop hosted by Ms. Gerry Watanabe, where she helped them navigate the college application process with helpful tips and tricks. Thank you, Ms. Watanabe, for your wisdom and time. We are so grateful! For the final event of the month, we held a Meet and Greet in front of Lotus Preschool on October 24th. This was our first in-person event of the year and an amazing opportunity to meet peers and make new friends. Thank you to everyone who came out! Happy Fall Everyone!!!



Boy Scout Troop 611

by Aidan Aniciete

The Boy Scouts held their Virtual Summer camp on July 8th and it went on until August 26th. There were two separate groups A & B, and both groups met every other week without overlapping with each other. Down below is merit badges and rank advancements earned by our scouts.

MERIT BADGES

Antelope:

Colin Fujikawa - Family Life, Personal Management

Luke Kaltsas - Family Life

Damon Uyehara - Communications, Fingerprinting

Fox

Tyler Kao - Art, Chess, Citizenship in the Nation, Communication

Digital Technology, Game Design, Programming,

Public Health, Reading

Owl:

Kaio Icasiano - Communication, Fingerprinting

Kyle Kimura - Family Life

Kennon Oshidari - Communication, Fingerprinting

Anthony Tsuji - Family Life

Connor Wong - Communication

ADVANCEMENTS

Tenderfoot:

Braden Hsu (Buffalo)

Caden Kanazawa (Buffalo)

Ryan Matsumoto (Owl)

Cole Nakashima (Owl)

Justin Francouer (Owl)

Second Class:

Justin Francouer (Owl)

Andrew Hamamoto (Antelope)

Lance Takamura (Owl)

Ethan Tao (Fox)

Connor Wong (Owl)

First Class:

Patrick Ogawa (Antelope)

Aaron Oshidari (Antelope)

Anthony Tsuji (Owl)

Eagle:

Aidan Inoue (Antelope)

On August 15th popcorn sales started and will end in October, all show and sales are canceled due to COVID-19.

Cub Scout Pack 611

by Dens 4&5 Leaders

Despite encountering the challenging circumstances presented by shelter-in-place, Dens 4 and 5 have still had a great start to the school year.

The dens began with Cast Iron Chef, a unit designed to improve the scouts' familiarity with cooking and kitchen safety. This culminated with a Zoom meeting with many scouts appearing in their kitchen, sharing meals they had each cooked with a family member taste testing. Everything was delicious! Meals ranged from spam musubi to ribeye.

Concurrent to this, the vast majority of scouts in the den are meeting with Karen Akimoto on a weekly basis in their drive to earn the Metta award from the temple. Most recently, the scouts were given a Zoom tour of the hondo by Rinban.

While the scouts look forward to being able to once again see each other live, they are still enjoying the weekly Zoom meetings. Dens 4 and 5 wish everyone continued health!

Eagle Scout Honored

by Sandy Kawamoto

Colin Fujikawa is the son of Mari and Derek Fujikawa. Colin began his scouting career as a Tiger Scout in Cub Scout Pack 611, where he received his Metta Religious Emblem and the Arrow of Light. He continued his scouting experience with our Boy Scout Troop 611 where he has held positions as a Bugler, Scribe, Historian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and his current position as a Patrol Leader. He has grown spiritually as well and has obtained the Sangha Award. His ability to lead is shown in his leadership skills as a Den Chief to young Cub Scouts.

Currently a Senior at Valley Christian High School, Colin has earned The Outstanding Musicianship Award three times and participated on the Junior Varsity and Varsity Track and Field Teams. He has also been involved in the Eco-Club, the California DECA Business and Entrepreneurship Club and the San Jose Zebra Basketball Club.

For his Eagle Scout project, Colin constructed a pergola over a playground area at the Hearts and Minds Alzheimer's Activity Center in San Jose, California. Although a challenging project, Colin wanted to help this center since the Alzheimer's disease has affected some of his relatives.

The Eagle Scout rank represents years of dedication with a solid sense of responsibility, community service and leadership. The Fujikawa's are carrying on a scouting tradition since Derek earned his Eagle Scout rank with our troop in 1989. We are grateful to have this family as part of our troop and know that Colin will continue to be self-reliant, honest, and dedicated to serve his community.

Girl Scout Senior Padma Award



Congratulations to Girl Scout Alison Aochi for earning her Senior Padma Award. Senior Padma is the last of four levels of the Padma program (3rd grade Brownie, 5th grade Junior, 8th grade Cadette, and 10th grade Senior). Alison completed all four Padma levels. She continues to be a Teacher's Assistant for Dharma School and passed her Padma Board of Review this past April. Congratulations Alison!!

November Qigong Schedule

Masa Naito will continue his Zoom Qigong classes through the winter months. His November, 2020 classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, from 9:30 - 10:45 AM. His fee is \$5. per person, per class. You can pay through his PayPal link or by check to his office. Feel free to invite family or friends to join!

Note: There WILL be classes BEFORE and AFTER Thanksgiving. On Nov. 2nd, Masa will be leading class from a hotel room.

PayPal link - [Qigong Class](https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh) (<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh>)

Masa's office address: 1157 Saratoga Ave # 206, San Jose, 95129

Questions about Qigong movements can be directed to the instructor Masa Naito,
Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class of November

Time: Nov 2, 2020 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, until Nov 30, 2020, 13 occurrence(s)

Nov 2, 2020 09:30 AM

Nov 4, 2020 09:30 AM

Nov 6, 2020 09:30 AM

Nov 9, 2020 09:30 AM

Nov 11, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 13, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 16, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 18, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 20, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 23, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 25, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 27, 2020 09:30 AM
Nov 30, 2020 09:30 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYlc-mrqz4oHNK9Dglc3dgtGFyLIX9-CeUq/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqpj8qGdGQsh-BRpwQGo-gc-nwmCVBgo12xTviDyMAZgTiEcRbHptHSZXz](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYlc-mrqz4oHNK9Dglc3dgtGFyLIX9-CeUq/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqpj8qGdGQsh-BRpwQGo-gc-nwmCVBgo12xTviDyMAZgTiEcRbHptHSZXz)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82840355266?pwd=cXNCZTJUUUdpUXI2TkxzMy9QUmQ0QT09>

Meeting ID: 828 4035 5266

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San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

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Eco Tips of the Month

Closing The Circle:

1. Use less – keep things in use longer
2. Design wisely – manufacturers design for long-lasting and easy repair
3. No waste – waste is a design flaw

What can you do?

1. Restrain yourself:
 - a. Drive less.
 - b. Eat all the food you buy
 - c. Wear the clothes you have
 - d. Avoid single-use plastics
2. Repair and reuse
 - a. Buy fewer...invest in higher quality products
 - b. Donate clothes you don't wear
3. Recycle everything
 - a. Compost food
 - b. Recycle everything you can

Source: National Geographic 03.2020

Disposable masks are becoming the new plastic bags of 2020. People dump them everywhere, and they start to be found on the streets, on the beaches, and in the ocean. We can stop this easily, by switching to reusable masks! And for those who would claim that these are not safe, you just need to know how to wash and store them safely following these simple steps: After use, hand wash them with detergent. Let them dry, and then store them in a bag or somewhere closed so they don't get contaminated, until the next time you need them. For more ideas on how to be more eco-friendly, visit easyecotips.com and find hundreds of easy eco tips.

Plot for Sale

A 2 person casket or urn ground plot in the Japanese garden, Tier "S", space 32. I understand there are no more spaces available in this area. If interested, please contact Julie Motomura at (323) 947-1950 or jmotomura@yahoo.com.



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Keiro Kai at Home

Keiro Kai is a celebration to honor our elders.

Honor their contributions.

Honor their wisdom.

Honor their strength.

Please join us in celebrating
this important part of our community.

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Online Presentation
and
Gift Delivery to Our Honorees

Honoring all Betsuin members born in 1940 and before.

We will be delivering gifts (no meal) to all registered Honorees on November 21 between 10am and 4pm.
And we hope to include photo(s) of each Honoree in our Online Presentation posted on the church website.



Honoree Participation Registration
RSVP by November 7, 2020

RSVP (register) by email to sjbc@sjbetsuin.org with all information listed in the form below

OR by mail (form below) to 640 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Please include photo(s), print or electronic, when replying.

Note: your choice of photo(s) is up to you; we suggest your favorite activity or family/friend memory.

Name of Honoree: _____ Year of birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am not an Honoree but would like to donate towards this event: \$ _____

Note: Please fill out form with all contact information; checks made payable to San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

You may also donate online through the Betsuin website: www.sjbetsuin.org and include 'Keiro Kai' in notes.

For more information, please call the church office at (408) 293-9292

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Please Attend

Virtual Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday December 13, 2020
11:30 am

Please visit <http://www.sjbetsuin.org/annualmeeting/> for the Zoom link to attend virtually.

Agenda

Service

Approval of the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
2020 Summary and Annual Report
Election of Board Directors

Presentation

Generations Phase II Education Building
Information and Updates

San Jose Buddhist Women's Association

**See's
CANDIES**



2020 See's CANDIES Fundraiser Just in Time for Winter Holiday Gifts

Sales, information and ordering are all online with contactless delivery.
Sales end on December 4, 2020.

Please contact participating BWA members to help place your order.
You may also contact Joyce Iwasaki at: j.iwasaki@yahoo.com or at 650 776 1616.

All proceeds will go towards members to attend
the 2023 World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto Japan

Thank you for supporting the SJ BWA



CUB SCOUT PACK 611



Bottle and Can Recycling Drive

Cub Scout Pack 611 is hosting a Bottle and Can Recycling Drive to benefit **Yu-Ai Kai**, a non-profit organization devoted to providing culturally relevant programs, bilingual services, dissemination of information, and development of intergenerational support programs for senior citizens in the Japanese American Community.

Saturday Dec 5, 2020 - 9AM to 1PM

Drop off at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Empty lot next to

630 N. 4th Street, San Jose CA 95112

(Please enter parking lot from N 4th Street entrance).



**All CLEAN and REDEEMABLE
Aluminum cans, glass and plastic
bottles are welcome**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Questions? Contact pack611@sjbetsuin.org



We're in this Together

San Jose Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association's 2020 Lady Takeko Kujo Service Project

For many years, BWA has been following in the footsteps of Lady Takeko Kujo in helping organizations help those in need. This year has been an extraordinary one with the pandemic, wildfires, job losses, business closures. It has changed our lives in many ways and will continue to do so.

For almost a year, it has been very difficult for many people in our own community.

Silicon Valley Strong is an organization calling on us to lend a helping and caring hand to people in need. This organization will act comprehensively countywide and act as one team. Some examples of needs are: helping with rent or mortgage, food assistance, small business relief.

We invite Betsuin members and friends to join BWA in supporting **Silicon Valley Strong** as our community project. You can help our drive by sending a check (suggested donation \$10-\$25 or more) to San Jose BWA, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112. Your check will be your receipt. You can also donate online at the Betsuin website: sjbetsuin.com. We will list all donors in The Dharma newsletter. Donation deadline is December 31, 2020.

The heart of our organization is Compassion.
Thank you for your Dana.

GENERATION PICKERS



In-kind donations to benefit the San Jose Buddhist Church Generations Campaign

This is the Betsuin's version of the American Pickers show. We're looking for those lost treasures...things that you've kept for years that no one in the family really wants but are too good to toss, sell at garage sales or donate to the Goodwill. Donate these treasures to the Generation Pickers campaign and have our team of experts clean up, list, sell and ship your item on Ebay. All proceeds will help fund our Generations Education Building and Campus.

How it works:

1. Contact our Generation Pickers team and let us know what you have. We will give you an honest evaluation of what we think your item is worth. If we determine that it's something we can handle, you can drop off at the church office or we can pick up the item(s).
Note: determination is based on estimated value (\$100+) and ability to ship.
2. We will list the item(s) on the online marketplace - primarily Ebay.
3. When sold, all proceeds go directly into a Generations Education Building and Campus account.

What are good items to donate?

Newer Smartphones - for example, Apple Iphone 7s or later, Samsung Galaxy S8 or newer

Cameras and lenses - High-quality film and digital cameras like Nikon, Canon, Leica, Hasselblad, etc.

Audio/stereo equipment - Marantz, Phase Linear, MacIntosh, AR, SAE, Scott, B&O, tube equipment and more

Collectibles & Vintage items

Vintage Technology - Pre 1980 computers, 1st Generation Iphones, vintage video games, HP calculators, etc.

Sports Memorabilia - baseball/collector cards, autographed balls, autographed photos, etc.

Jewelry - High quality, collectable, gold and silver.

Watches - High-end or vintage

Fashion accessories - vintage or designer handbags, coats, wallets, etc.

Collectible shoes - Shoes in unused to excellent condition. Sneakerheads clean out your closets!

Professional Tools - Pro engineering, scientific, construction, technical, manufacturing, and more

Professional Audio Equipment - Microphones, rack equipment, quality musical instruments, etc

Questions?

Contact **Mike Mori** at (408) 316-4903 (call or text) or via email to gophervalley@gmail.com

Watch for Generation Pickers updates every month in The Dharma!

**Note: We cannot accept unscheduled drop-off of items.
Please contact our team via phone or email prior to donating.**