

the Dharma

December 2020



San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

640 North Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112

sjbc@sjbetsuin.org

Office: 408-293-9292 Fax: 408-293-0433

DISCOMBOBULATED

G SAKAMOTO

The seasons pass from Fall into Winter. The new year is nearly upon us. We have had to adjust our plans for the holidays. Homecoming and family gatherings are under protective protocols. We isolate before visiting family. Wear masks and social distance. As routine as these practices have become it's still unsettling. Our interactions have physically changed. My thoughts and feelings have yet to catch up.

Phone calls, email, Zoom meetings are our means of communication and organizing. Time shifting is a term that describes the practice of recording video programs to watch at another, more convenient time.

We answer phone calls that we recognize or respond to messages when we can. Apparently, it's a courteous practice to text message someone before calling or asking the person to call when possible.

Although the caller may not be time shifting the responder can delay calling until a more convenient time. As we receive and prioritize email this is also like time shifting. We hold off on responding to email that may not require immediate attention or less central to the present concern allowing them to move further down the stack or shuffled into a priority folder.

We do this under normal conditions and depending on what we do this may not be very different from how we are managing. I think this is why some people are doing better than myself. I think my feeling of discombobulation is due to my procrastinating and low organizational nature. So I lose track of things and time. Getting things completed has always meant that new things come up. Now, however, it feels like there is a constant din of requests for attention. With email and phone calls the only means of organizing what I'm doing, things that are no less important than before seem more ephemeral now.

Non-multitasking multitasking has become the norm. I write this article, respond to an email, initiate an email, have a muffin, check the news. I should be more disciplined. But I think it would be a mistake to behave in the same way as we have in the past. Things are not the same. Not only has the pandemic forced us to isolate from one another but it has torn open and caused us to look at inequities in our communities. Racial injustice, economic inequality, the blatant rise of authoritarian government behavior, nearly 250,000 individuals dead from COVID-19.

What we experience in our communities, in our lives, is alarming.

Be kind to yourself. Be kind to others. Help where you can. Do not time shift rest. As we care for ourselves and others we can begin to heal. When we conduct services it's most likely a service over Zoom. There are some in-person services but most are remote. We've become accustomed to seeing each other in little boxes on a screen. As odd as this felt when we first began offering this it has become a meaningful way to come together as family and friends. It has offered opportunities that we will continue beyond the pandemic. Opportunities that may have not been considered previously. People participating in services from different parts of the country and in some cases from places across the world.

We continue to learn from our experiences. One day we will be able to gather together in person. Much will have changed in the mean while. And we will have changed as well.

At the conclusion of services we have begun to leave the Zoom meeting active. The minister will leave and those who choose to can stay and visit. At first it was surprising how comfortable people were talking with each other in this way. Sharing and catching up with news from family and friends. But as different as the circumstances are it is after all an otoki just without the food. A time of sharing and reconnecting and reaffirming the relationship we share with all life.

It is in this that there is hope. Hope that we can address the challenges we share. Hope that we can begin to recognize and acknowledge each other and mutually move to lay down the differences that separate us. Hope that we can come together to discuss and argue issues but in the end come together respecting the integrity of all.

“THE THIRD PLACE” FOR OUR LIVES

ETSUKO MIKAME

I recently learned an important thing through a podcast hosted by a Jodo Shinshu minister in Japan. He always invites a guest and just talks with the guests on the program. I really enjoy the talks.

The Buddhist minister talked about “The third place theory” given by Ray Oldenburg who is an American urban sociologist.

What Oldenburg means is that the third place is the social surroundings separate from the two usual social environments of home (“first place”) and the workplace (“second place”).

Examples of third places would be environments such as cafes, clubs, public libraries, bookstores, parks or churches. He wrote about the importance of informal public gathering places for a functioning civil society, democracy and civil engagement.

However, as you might have experienced, what is happening in this world is that the workplace bursts into home because of this shelter-in-place. Many people work from home, take care of their child at home, and everyone is at home. The borderline of the first place and second place is disappearing in their daily lives and it makes people feel very stressful.

No matter how much you originally loved to stay at home, I believed you must have realized how much the third places such as café, public libraries and churches meant to our mentally and socially healthy life. Even me, I miss so much of the time to just zone out at a café.

The guest shared about his older brother who lives in Okinawa, Japan, located in the most southern portion of Japan and where its weather is tropical and I believe it's like Hawaii. I heard that people feel like Okinawa has a slower flow of time compared to other cities in Japan. So, Okinawa is one of the most popular tourist spots. Since the beautiful ocean is very famous, many people visit there for surfing and scuba diving. But, he said that there are also many people who don't do anything but just staying there to enjoy the slow flow of time in Okinawa. His older brother told him that human beings sometimes need this kind of relaxing time in our daily lives.

If we just go back and forth between home, the first place, and the work place, the second place, we always try to look for the meaning of each of our actions. We constantly pose the questions to ourselves like “What do I do this for? What is the point in doing that at work? and what's in it for me?”. So, it's become a habit to seek the meaning to anything in our daily lives. We originally don't need to seek any reason and meaning to be ourselves as we are. In our world, we would rather tend to value “doing” something than “being” there because we all live in the world of comparison and efficiency. The guest minister pressed the needs and importance of the third place in our life aside from “the first and second place”, as the place where can provide people with the time and space where people can be there as they are and can share the time without being asked for the meaning of who we are.

We, human beings want to have the value of our existence acknowledged by others through our job, the position we have. But we don't always need to ask ourselves for the meaning and reason why we do this or that when we live our lives in this world. Like this Buddhist minister mentioned in his talk, it would be very wonderful if we could have the time, space and perspective which provides us with a cozy and peaceful feeling and accept us as we are without any judgements or seeking the meaning of the existence. If we have that perspective when we live in this busy daily life, I can say that it might change our actions differently.

Although we can't get together at our church physically due to this pandemic, I hope our church will stay your cozy third place for each of you as the community. But I would also say that we can still find and encounter “the third place” in our hearts and our life through Buddhism. I believe that Buddhism would give us an unwavering “third place” perspective through the essence of the teaching in any situation we are as our peace of minds.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, Happy Holidays! I hope all of you were able to enjoy your Thanksgiving with your loved ones and did it safely. Please continue your safe socialization. I heard a few weeks back that three vaccine producing companies, Moderna, Pfizer and Novavax, all over 90% effectivity are being approved by the FDA and are on their way. The government needs to prioritize who to immunize first and manufacture enough for everyone. We need to be patient just a bit longer.

I don't know about you but after nine months of wearing a mask, I still forget to put it on. I always catch myself a few feet away from the car and I have to go back and get it. I understand that it is uncomfortable to breathe through the mask and it feels like your breathing the same air but you're not. By the time I get the hang of it, I hope the pandemic is over. However, I am cognizant about social distancing. I feel there is a six-foot zone around myself and others and that I should not violate that space.

As Christmas, Mochitsuki, New Year's approach, they will be different this year. As with Thanksgiving, there will not be a large gathering of different households coming together to celebrate. I feel no matter how good the meal is, it's not as good without friends and families to share it with. It is the time to see and talk face to face with the people you haven't seen for the whole year. Unfortunately for this year, we must forgo that opportunity. There is always next year. Life continues. There are still deaths, and weddings and babies being born. This is a new world and a challenge we must take on and conquer.

Thank you to my wife Kiyoko for proof reading and editing my monthly messages, surprisingly my spelling was pretty good. Thanks to Sally and Bob Idemoto for reminding me twenty-four times that my message was due.

It's been an interesting two years as president of the Betsuin. I was permitted to travel to BCA conferences and meet other temple representatives. We all seem to have similar issues, dwindling memberships, upkeep of temple property and fundraising opportunities. But I have confidence that our Betsuin and other temples will all succeed in their mission.

Thank you to the sangha for allowing me to be your president for the last two years. It's been a pleasant learning experience and I enjoyed every minute. I will leave the President's Office to Steve Onishi the same way I found it, as a storage room for all odds and ends from the many organizations. I hope my President's Message didn't bore you too much and that it was informative and sometimes amusing. I've been blabbing for twenty-four months and after this pandemic, I look forward to hear your stories in person.

Good bye, sayonara, au revoir, aloha, adios, ciao, zài jiàn, paalam, jal-ga, auf Wiedersehen, até logo, khudahafaz, Alavidā, до свидания, slán. I apologize if I didn't list your language. Please let me know which language you speak and I will try to greet you in your native language next time we meet. I'm not sure why I'm saying good bye when I'm not going anywhere. I'll see you around. If you have any questions about the temple and how it functions, please ask any past president or a Board member, they will be happy to provide you an answer or direct you to someone who can.

In Gassho,
Ed Nodohara
President
San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin
2018-2020

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

[HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/FIG-AYCC-TUD](https://meet.google.com/fig-aycc-tud)

A. MOTIONS:

1. Motion to approve the October Meeting minutes as amended, Amy Lin-Furukawa motioned, second by Gloria Yamauchi. Motion was approved as amended.
2. Motion to hire Dean Osaki for 6 months the position of Executive Director to set the direction of the Betsuin was motioned by Kevin Kitagawa, second by Janice Doi. Motioned was passed with one abstention-Dina Nakano.
3. Motion to invest \$1.2-1.5M into the BCA Endowment custodial account with Angeles Investments. Motion made by Paul Endo, seconded by Kevin Kitagawa. Motion was passed.
4. Motion was made that San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Board strongly support Michael Jones in his pursuit of Tokudo ordination. Mas Nishimura motioned, seconded by Paul Endo. Motion was passed.

B. MEETING REPORTS:

1. Jim showed the schematic on the proposed change to the crosswalk in front of the Betsuin. There are many options, many of which can easily be removed when the configuration needs to be changed for the Obon yagura and flow of traffic. Janice Doi suggests that Jim contact Vicki Takeda, who was instrumental in getting the city to approve the safety improvement of the crosswalk.
2. Generation Pickers: Mike Mori said the donations for this fundraiser is slacking. There were some suggestions on how to advertise for more donations. One page add in the Dharma was suggested.
3. Generation II: Janice Doi says consultant Dean Osaki encourages the temple to use the email system to communicate.
4. Membership committee members Dina Nakano and Rajan Saigusa to provide a letter that lists the advantages and the opportunities of helping the community by becoming a member of the Betsuin. Dina requested to step down. Cathy Pike happily volunteered for Membership committee.
5. Virtual Organization Day results: Mas Nishimura recommends that Steve Onishi review the video and create an interesting scenario. The video had information from 20 different organizations.
6. Kevin suggests at this time of the pandemic it will not be the necessary to replace the wires at the cost of \$6,500. He can ask for quotes from other companies later, but meantime he and a crew may be able to replace a cable.
7. Rinban Sakamoto, Ed Nodohara, Steve Onishi and Paul Endo held a virtual meeting to discuss the \$2.5 million cash available, \$426K is restricted. Six months reserve would total about \$464K left in checking account. That will leave from 1.2-1.5M ready for investments.
8. Michael Jones will pursue Tokudo ordination.
9. Michael Jones, Dennis Akizuki and Mikame Sensei are enrolled in the Institute of Buddhist Studies Online program. Rinban will request the office reimburse all three for the cost of the program. That will be \$350 to each of them.
10. Communication: Rinban Sakamoto said the temporary 6 months Zoom upgrade will cost about \$300 for 100- 500 people. Plans to upgrade are designated for the annual meeting.
11. Special Events: Larry Handa and Joyce Iwasaki reported that the number of Keiros is much lower than in previous years at 57. Kelly Kookies and plants from Cupertino Florist will be ordered and delivered by Nov. 16th. Keiro packages will be delivered on Nov. 21st. Thanks to the many volunteers.
12. Junior YBA: Larry Handa said on Nov. 7th, a Coyote Creek District Recognition Social is scheduled with Special Guest Speaker, Rinban Sakamoto honoring Denise Kanazawa and David Tsukimura.
13. BWA: Karen Akimoto said BWA is supporting Silicon Valley Strong, which helps those in need.
14. Japanese Language School: Gloria Yamauchi said efforts to hire another teacher is continuing. The other 4 teachers are okay with extra students in their class right now since the enrollment is down. Continue looking for a replacement for Ayako, who is the current clerical.
15. Golf Committee: The golf tournament will be held at San Jose Country Club the last Sunday of May, 2021. Uncertain about a dinner after the event.
16. Garden Committee: Dave Pascual invited everyone to come see what the committee has done to improve the front of the Hondo and between the Hondo and the office. It is looking fantastic and inviting.

17. Steve Onishi made an announcement. He was able to recruit one new Board member David Tsukimura. Thank you Dave for stepping up.
18. Remind everyone to hear the weekly Sunday Dharma Services at 9:30 or Adult Service at 10:10 on Betsuin YouTube Channel.
19. Annual meeting: December 13th – 11:30
20. Next Board meeting, December 3, 2020 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Nodohara
President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

ANOTHER YEAR

As we approach another new year, and as the pandemic continues, our lives are on hold for however long it will last. It's a time when we should all take the situation seriously. Will it be a 'Happy' New Year? With the new leadership in our country, we are hopeful that things will get better.

As some people still are not taking necessary precautions, most are doing whatever is necessary to keep them and their family safe from the virus.

We tend to take things for granted but this pandemic is a wake-up call for people to not take things for granted. Life is precious and we all need to do our best to help keep our families, friends, and the entire community safe.

Watching the news and when encountering people in our lives, it's good to see people wearing masks and trying to do whatever is necessary when out and about and around other people. Until the pandemic is over, we all need to do whatever is safe and necessary.

We find ourselves calling and texting our family and friends...which is good. We need to know that everyone is safe and well and to see how they are doing. Phone calls and texting are good ways to keep in touch. Also Zoom and other means of communicating are good.

So, as another month goes by, and another year...let's keep ourselves safe and well. We all know what to do.

In gassho,

Sally Idemoto

ORGANIZATION NEWS

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BY BARBARA SASAKI

Welcome to BWA's December article – the last one for 2020.

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare co-chair, sent 1 card this month.

On Sunday, November 15th was the Eshinniko/Kakushinni/Lady Ohtani/Past Member's Memorial Service. Sumi Tanabe, Religious Chairperson, did a beautiful job of chairing the service. Unfortunately, the guest speaker was not able to attend but Reverend Mikame filled in for her and did a splendid job. Sumi read the names of the members

that passed away since November 2019. After the Service, Reverend Mikame held a question and answer session on Zoom for BWA members. Found out some interesting information including about the nose flute – a real thing. Reverend Mikame stated her father is fluent playing this instrument but she needs more practice.

Don't forget to purchase See's Candy from any BWA member participating in this project.

A small reminder that BWA's Lady Takeko Kujo Service Project is supporting Silicon Valley Strong. Currently, there are increasing number of people needing assistance. Please send your donation or donate online at the Betsuin Website by December 31, 2020. Any amount will be helpful and appreciated. Thank you.

BWA would like to thank Irene Uchiyama for generously donating about 10 yards of Tulle to make scrubbies. Janice Doi received the material and has already made the scrubbies.

Keep staying safe, social distancing and wearing a mask. See you in 2021.

Jr YBA

BY KAYLEE OKAMOTO

On November 7th, freshmen and sophomores had their college prep workshop. Thank you to Mrs. Gerry Watanabe for leading all the workshops this year.

Our chapter started a Big Brother and Big Sister program this year. The older members were assigned to younger and newer members, hoping to help them out during their first year in Jr. YBA.

On Sunday, November 8th, we had a General Meeting online. During the meeting, they announced that the BCA Youth Showcase event will be on January 10th, 2021.

Our Activity Chairs also put members together into teams and had them play a couple of different games. The teams played games against each other, like a Scavenger Hunt, Trivia, Pictionary, Mad Gab, a Caption-Making Contest, and a bonus game to break a tie, the Umbrella Game. The activities were fun and we all had a good time!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

PACK 611, DEN 2 BEARS,

ACTIVITY REPORTS: NOVEMBER 2020

BY WES TAO, PACK 611 CUBMASTER

I have had a memorable time in Cub Scouts. First, for Halloween we got to wear costumes and enter in a pumpkin decorating contest for our Zoom Pack Meeting. Secondly, we went on a hike and used magnifying glasses to look at

insects. Lastly, we learned how to carve soap with our den in Brady's backyard and I made a ghost for my project. I had a lot of fun doing these activities with the Bears.

By Hunter Ng

Hi, my name is Bryson Oshidari and I am in the Den 2, Great White Sharks. On Saturday, October 10th, I joined my older brothers and the Boy Scouts on a bike outing at the Coyote Creek Trail. I went with my friends Tod and Trevor. I was the leader of our group and the ride was very flat. We took a break at a park to drink some water and went back on the trail. The best part of the ride was when we rode through an overflowing creek three times. It was the longest bike ride I've ever done—over 18 miles!

By Bryson Oshidari

My name is Hideo Murillo. One of my most memorable experiences with Cub Scouts this year was hiking at Alum Rock Park. I hiked about 4.7 miles and made it all the way up to Eagle Rock. I really enjoyed seeing nature. I saw three deer. They stared at us for about 10 seconds but then they ran away as we got closer. I also enjoyed talking with my friends, like Hunter. We talked about Fortnite. At the end of my hike, I really enjoyed playing pirates with my friends. We used long sticks and pretended to use them as swords. I look forward to more adventures with my Cub Scout friends.

By Hideo Murillo

My name is Tyler Tao. My activity report will be on the Halloween Virtual Pack Meeting, one of my favorite activities. First we had to guess how many candy corns were in the jar. Then we watched a short video about a reaper. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest and played bingo. I had a fun time! I can't wait to do more fun Cub Scout activities.

By Tyler Tao

Hi my name is Trevor and I will tell you my most memorable thing, what I learned, what was funniest and what the activity was. What the activity was: the activity was to carve soap into whatever you want. First we went to Brady's backyard and cut open a box, an envelope and cut string and shaved wood. Then I needed to actually shave soap. I made a smiley emoji. What I learned: I learned how to make eyes and a mouth. To make eyes and mouth you need to put the knife facing down on the soap and spin the knife. For the mouth put the knife facing down and to the side. Most memorable thing: the most memorable thing was finishing the soap. I was happy with what I had done. Funniest thing: the funniest thing was after I made the eyes it looked funny because it had no mouth.

By Trevor Uyehara

Hi my name is Brady from Den 2. We went on a hike in Alum Rock Park. I learned to look at tiny animals with a magnifying glass. I also learned to beware of bigger animals.

By Brady Pham

This year my favorite thing that we did was soap carving because we got to see my friends and we got to learn how to use a knife. One thing that I learned was to put the notch on the other direction of you because if you do not you might cut yourself.

By DJ Mune

My name is Todd Tokumoto. One thing that I remember is biking at Coyote Creek Classic. We rode 17 miles. While I was there, I remember jumping over a log, biking through the water, trying to do the limbo under the sign, and Bryson with his mom behind. I also remember hiking at Eagle Rock. When we were at the top, I tried climbing the rock but I stopped when I didn't want to do it but I did it after watching another cub scout do it with the very top part.

By Todd Tokumoto

My name is Aaron Fong. One of my most memorable experiences with Cub Scouts so far this year was when we were carving a piece of wood. It was fun because we were able to see the rest of my cub scouts friends. We also learned how to handle a pocket knife and how to be safe with it. It was lots of fun and I can't wait for our next in person meeting.

By Aaron Kai Fong

Hi this is Blake Sakurai. I carved the soap to a turtle because the turtle is one of my favorite animals and that is what made it fun. Also it was challenging and that also made it fun. It had a bite from a shark on its leg. But what was most fun was when I designed what it would look like.

By Blake Sakurai

My name is Kenzo Masuda and all the scouting activities this year have been fun. I liked the soap carving and our hike the most. For the soap carving I had to learn how to be safe with a knife. Before carving the fish out of the soap, I cut open letters, some boxes and some wood. I loved seeing the animals on our hike. I saw two deer and a woodpecker. I also saw ants. I also loved climbing on the giant rock and hanging with my friends on the rock and looking at the view. I hope I get to do more activities this year.

By Kenzo Masuda

Eco-Tip of the Month

One way to help the environment and simplify your life is to use paperless billing. You lower your risk of losing bills in the mail. It cuts down on paper use and clutter in your home. It frees you of the need to file and store paper records. More space in your home and time for you! This decrease in the use of trees to produce paper helps to combat climate change. Give it a try!

QIGONG SCHEDULE

DECEMBER, 2020 THRU MARCH, 2021

Masa Naito, our Qigong instructor, has given us four months of scheduled classes from December, 2020 thru March 26 of 2021. Please note: No class on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If you load his schedule to your iCalendar, you will automatically receive notification on your device 10 minutes before every class, with no log-in information to remember. 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 and friends to join! Keep well & stay healthy with Qigong!

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, kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net
Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class December to March

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

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, until Mar 26, 2021, 48 occurrence(s)

DECEMBER 2020

JANUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 2021

- Dec 2, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 4, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 7, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 9, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 11, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 14, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 16, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 18, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 21, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 23, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 25, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 26, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 28, 2020 09:30 AM
- Dec 30, 2020 09:30 AM
- Mar 1, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 3, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 5, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 8, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 10, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 12, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 15, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 17, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 19, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 22, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 24, 2021 09:30 AM
- Mar 26, 2021 09:30 AM

- Jan 4, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 6, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 8, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 11, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 13, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 15, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 18, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 20, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 22, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 25, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 27, 2021 09:30 AM
- Jan 29, 2021 09:30 AM

- Feb 1, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 3, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 5, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 8, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 10, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 12, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 15, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 17, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 19, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 22, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 24, 2021 09:30 AM
- Feb 26, 2021 09:30 AM

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

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZcrceiopzliE9QAqWRLlqgHiJkd6kgWGEkp/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrqD0rGt2cuBCHRpwqBI_od_TxmFhHj_psvQ7SMQxcwTeP8hJNuR0F-3

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661099890?pwd=QVdyT25BNUpINWNhV255YXVFQVo1UT09>

Meeting ID: 836 6109 9890

Passcode: 774242

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,83661099890#,,,,,0#,,774242# US (San Jose)

+12532158782,,83661099890#,,,,,0#,,774242# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

Meeting ID: 836 6109 9890

Passcode: 774242

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661099890?pwd=QVdyT25BNUpINWNhV255YXVFQVo1UT09>

GENERATION PICKERS

ONGOING FUNDRAISING FOR GENERATIONS

Generation Pickers December 2020 Update

Thanks to all that have donated items to the Generation Pickers project. We've received a variety of items that are picker's worthy. We've sold **over \$7000** of donations so far and we're just getting started. Here's what's sold:

Dell Laptop computer

Sony Turntable

Gucci Watch

Vintage 1974 Sharp Calculator

HP Electronic Test Equipment

Na Hoku Tiki Pendant

Professional Microphone

Excess Electronics Inventory from a Silicon Valley Tech Company

Check out our listings on Ebay at the following link:

https://www.ebay.com/usr/mimo-3823?_trksid=p2053788.m1543.l2754

We're starting to build up steam, but we need a lot more "stuff" to reach our goal. Remember all proceeds benefit the Betsuin's Generation Project. Check our flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Help us spread the word. Let's cleanup our closets, garage and drawers to help build facilities for the next century. Don't wait, call, email or text us today.

GENERATION PICKERS

Call or text 408-316-4903

Email - gophervalley@gmail.com

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 Commi; ee

From: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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

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

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

☐

■ Distribute however the Oseibo Commi; ee determines to be appropriate;

OR

☐

■ I would like my donaEon 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): _____

=====

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: _____

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin



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



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

San Jose Buddhist Women's Association



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



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.**

*Limited quantities!
Order early!*



4th Street Bowl Coffee Shop Fundraiser

Supporting Yu-Ai Kai. Supporting our community.

December 8, 9 and 10, 2020

Plate includes SPAM, scrambled eggs and rice...always a Hawaii favorite!

Pick-up Times (each day): **1:00, 1:30, 4:00 and 4:30pm**
(Pick-up only; 30-minute time slots)

Drive-thru Pick-up in front of Yu-Ai Kai building
NOTE THE NEW DINNER PICK-UP TIMES!

Order online:

yuaikai-4thstbowl.eventbrite.com

Order by mail: (form below)

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to order _____ Plate(s) @ \$20 each for a total of \$ _____

Pick up **DATE** (check one): ☐ Tues, Dec. 8 ☐ Wed, Dec. 9 ☐ Thurs, Dec. 10

Pick up **TIME** (check one): ☐ 1:00pm ☐ 1:30pm ☒ 4:00pm ☐ 4:30pm

Mail this form with your check made payable to 'Yu-Ai Kai' no later than December 4, 2020 to:

Yu-Ai Kai
588 North 4th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

For more information and questions, please call Yu-Ai Kai at (408) 294-2505



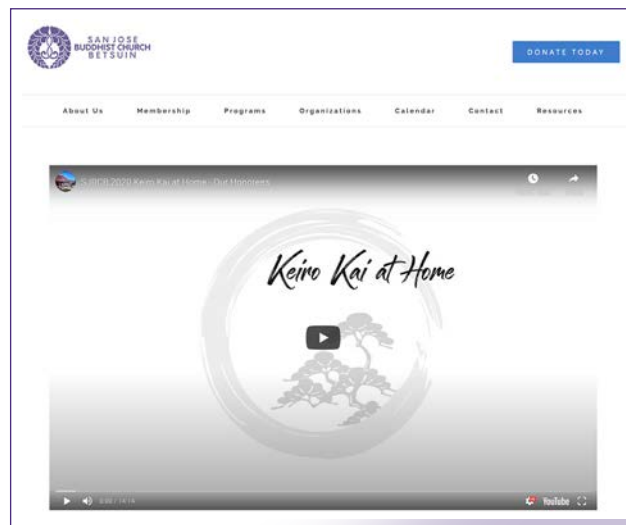
Keiro Kai at Home

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.

**Our celebration included visits and gift delivery
on November 21...truly a special day for everyone!**

**Thank you to all our 2020 Honorees
for participating in this celebration.**

**Please enjoy the 2020 Keiro Kai at Home presentation
at <http://www.sjbetsuin.com/keiro-kai/>**



Celebrating Our Elders