



# the Dharma

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## Betsuin Calendar of Events

Month of March – Boy Scout Troop 611 Hukilau Gift Card Fundraiser

March 16<sup>th</sup> (Tues), 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) and 18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) BWA Minato Fundraiser

## Community Events

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Yu Ai Kai Kenko Living Series via ZOOM

# Gassho

by: Gerald Sakamoto

The practice of Jodo Shinshu is to live a life of gratitude. When we gassho and say Namo Amida Butsu, this brings together my awareness of myself and Amida Buddha.

It has been a year since we began to shelter in place. It has been deeply chaotic times. A time in which cultural schisms erupt from long enforced injustices, when deeply held beliefs in cabals and conspiracies influence the course of global populations. We have experienced a distrust in science and evidenced based decisions. In extraordinary contrast there have been seven countries which have had missions to Mars. The first flyby, a Soviet mission, flew 60 years ago. The US, China and The United Arab Emirates missions launched last year will have arrived by the time you read this. The UAE orbiter launched on a Japanese made rocket. Someday someone will have to launch a trash pickup mission.

I have no direct knowledge of any of these missions. Yet I trust the reporting so I believe these missions to have happened. I have seen photos sent by Perseverance, although some may believe the photos could be part of an elaborate fabrication, I trust the source of the photos. This does not validate the authenticity of the photo but rather strengthens my belief that the photo was actually sent from Mars.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught for 45 years. During that time he shared his experience of enlightenment and taught others how they too could be free from causing and experiencing difficulties. As his life drew to an end, in his last teaching, he said the following:

"Behold, O monks, this is my last advice to you. All component things in the world are changeable. They are not lasting. Work hard to gain your own salvation."

In a time before social media and podcasts, when there were oral transmissions of the Dharma, Shakyamuni reminded his students they had to work hard to determine what did or did not work.

When we consider our sources of information how do we decide who to trust, what to believe? Yuien recalls the words of Shinran in the second chapter of the Tannisho:

"If Amida's Primal Vow is true, Shakyamuni's teaching cannot be false. If the Buddha's teaching is true, Shan-tao's commentaries cannot be false. If Shan-tao's commentaries are true can Honen's words be lies? If Honen's words are true, then surely what I say cannot be empty.

Such, in the end, is how this foolish person entrusts himself [to the Vow]. Beyond this, whether you take up the nembutsu or whether you abandon it is for each of you to determine.

Thus were his words"

The Buddha's last words to his students were to work hard, cultivate the mind that sees things as there are. For Shinran, like those of us unable or unwilling to work hard enough, acknowledging our foolishness and entrusting in the vow of Amida was all that was possible.

Gassho and nembutsu is an expression of gratitude for the Vow of Amida that assures all beings of the resolution of difficulties. That assurance allows us to begin to see things as they are. To begin to see myself as a foolish being sustained by the infinite life around me. Namo Amida Butsu, grateful for the infinite causes and conditions that sustains this foolish being. Namo Amida Butsu, grateful for the assurance of Amida that moves me toward the resolution of difficulties.

# Nembutsu

by: Etsuko Mikame

Nembutsu teaching - the important essence which gives us the deep mindfulness in our life.

I believe many of you have heard of "mindfulness" or "mindfulness meditation" which are often understood as the terms to describe about something spiritual. However, I actually didn't understand fully what the meaning of "mindfulness" was. And I have wondered what the relationship between Buddhism and the concept of mindfulness was for a long time. Since I started our Saturday Yoga session last May, I am fortunate to be able to have a chance to think about it with the participants.

Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us.

So, Mindfulness meditation, which is considered as the specific meditation method as the goal of the state of one's mindfulness, is popular among many people all over the world and has been practiced everywhere as well as Yoga. It is generally considered as a mental training practice that teaches you to slow down racing thoughts, let go of negativity, and calm both your mind and body.

In other words, I would say that "mindfulness" is to turn our awareness to the certain thing such as each action of the certain thing and to awaken the true value in our life.

For example, in mindfulness meditation or yoga, it guides people to turn their awareness to their breaths so people can be mindful of their flow of breath and unintentionally take each breath mindfully more than usual. I believe that we can use this method in our daily life and we can make the little things in daily life brighter.

For instance, I sometimes unintentionally slam the door so loudly if I'm not mindful of it ( Maybe because I am so clumsy and detail-oriented). But if I try to be mindful to close the door more than usual, I believe I can close the door intentionally quietly and gently. I can say that these many small mindsets may make a big difference and can lead us to the path to the life of mindfulness. So, maybe we can start anytime and anywhere even if it's a short time and even if it's a little thing. If we start it, we will get used to it little by little and we may be able to spend time mindfully, and we may be able to live mindfully someday. Once we start the practice of mindfulness on a daily basis, our awareness will be gradually able to follow up to our behaviors.

When we think about "mindfulness" in Buddhism, I believe this Nembutsu teaching is the best and the easiest way for us to guide us to mindfulness in our life. What Shinran expresses is awakening to true and real life. True and real life is Amida Buddha. Through the opportunity to hear the teachings of Buddhism in our daily life, we can be mindful how our life is always far away from the truth of Buddha. But, at the same time we can be mindful that the assurance of the Buddha -- that Buddha would never leave behind anyone wherever we are, whenever we are in any stage of life.

Mindfulness means to be mindful of true and real life and when we live life with this as its source, then we truly live to the fullest extent possible and live the life of gratitude.

So I believe that we, Shin Buddhists, are so fortunate that we are able to have time to be mindful in our own lives through not only hearing the teaching but also through our entire life.

# Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

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言葉がたくさんあります。今月は「法螺」という言葉をご紹介します。

法螺〜お釈迦様は大ホラ吹き?!

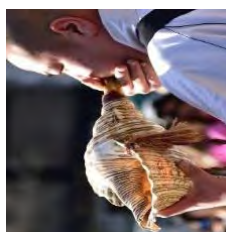
「ホラを吹く」といえば、大袈裟なことをいう、うそをつくといった意味に使われていますが、もともとはお釈迦様の説法のことを指しました。

お釈迦様の説法は、お経の中にいろんな表現で例えられています。「大ホラ（大法螺）を吹く」もそのたとえの一つなのです。法螺の「螺」とは巻貝のことです。この巻貝の端に笛をつけて一種の楽器となりました。それがホラ貝です。インドでは、人を集める時にこれを吹きました。

その昔、戦国時代のころ（五百年前）戦場でホラ貝を吹き、出陣の合図をしました。が、その音が遠くまで響き、軍勢を奮い立たせたのを仏様の説法のたとえとしたようです。他のお経の中には「大法雨をふらし、大法幢を建て、大法螺を吹き、大法鼓を打ち

たまえ」とあるのがそれです。それが「お釈迦様と同じように偉そうなことをいう」という意味を経て、現在使われるような「大袈裟なことを言う、うそをつく」という意味になったとのことです。ちなみに、浄土真宗おつとめするお経の「重誓偈」にも「説法獅子吼」という部分がありますね。これは、仏様の説法を獅子の吼える（獅子吼）声に例えられたものです。「（ジャングルの王者である）獅子（ライオン）のほえる声が百獣（ジャングルの獣たち）を従わせるように、仏の説法は全ての衆生を信順（仏法の教えに導く）させる」という意をあらわす」と説明されています。仏様のお心はどこまでも遠くまで響き渡り、今、この私の人生の中にも響いて届いてくださいました。生きる時代も場所もすべてを超えて、すべての生きとし生けるすべての命のもとへ届いてくださる仏様が、阿弥陀仏という仏様です。世界で一番大きなお声が南無阿弥陀仏です。私の耳元にも、私の称える声でちゃんと届いて下さっています。あなたにも届いていますよ。

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お坊さん

# President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

As a native Californian (actually native San Josean), I will never take our winter weather for granted again! As I write this, much of the United States is experiencing historic freezing temperatures. This is creating massive and sometimes deadly issues for those residents. A work colleague in Texas hasn't had electricity for a few days. Another friend in Texas has power, but has had no water for nearly a week. Both just moved from San Jose to Texas within the last 6 months! If I didn't know any better, I would have thought this was still 2020!

Fortunately, it is 2021 and things are beginning to look up here in San Jose. We are starting to see the "light at the end of the tunnel" with regards to the pandemic. Even though we have yet to begin in-person services and activities at the church, we are beginning to see things/events to look forward to. The 2021 BCA National Meeting was held at the end of February with various workshops on one weekend and the actual BCA National Meeting on the following weekend. Even though not an official event of the Betsuin, the Nikkei Matsuri committee will be holding a virtual event in April. The Coast District will be holding a joint Gotan-E service (virtually) for the entire CD on May 16<sup>th</sup> (more info to follow). The CD is also planning a joint Nembutsu Family Conference (virtual) on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Closer to home, all of the youth programs continue to operate virtually as well as Lotus Pre-School. The Garden Committee continues to work on various parts of the grounds/garden. Plans for Generations Phase 2 continue. A scaled down plan is under development and we expect to be able announce those plans soon. We will begin fundraising efforts as well.

So I believe that things are beginning to look up. The weather will start turning better, especially for those across the nation. In fact, Spring Ohigan is coming up this month...a good sign of the new season. The church will continue to operate and hopefully, expand its offerings. Always feel free to let me know if you have ideas on activities or services that we could take on. Please continue to be respectful of others by getting vaccinated and wearing a mask and we will all meet again, in person, soon!

In Gassho,

Steve Onishi

Board President



# Life Goes On

by: Sally Idemoto

As we continue life under the cloud of the pandemic, although we are not happy with the conditions, and the total deaths in the US is now over 500,000, we are somewhat getting used to our everyday routines...being careful by wearing masks and social distancing.

There are things people have to do for such activities as going to medical and dental appointments, grocery shopping and other essentials, doing to work, working from home and doing whatever we have to do. The one area that is seriously affected is with our schools. That is still unresolved.

So life goes on. And as more people are getting vaccinated, that is very good.

On a good note, at the Betsuin, if you were to visit the Betsuin office, you will notice the changes as you approach the office.

There is new cement paving along the walkway between the old sidewalk and the office building so that when it rains, you can walk under the eaves and not get wet.

Also, there is a bench next to the entrance and that is a nice addition to the area.

The garden area around the two maple trees has rocks. The area where the bamboo trees and the area along St. Shinran's statue have been nicely redone.

So, who and how did all of this happen?

Several Betsuin garden committee members, namely...Stan Kawamata, Dave Pascual, Al Hironaga, Bob Terasaki, and Ted Hashiguchi worked for several days, all with their masks on, to beautify the Betsuin grounds along and near the office.

We give a big THANKS to the hard working group.

Until next month, keep staying safe and well! We know the routine.

In Gassho,  
Sally Idemoto



# Buddhist Women's Association

by: Barbara Sasaki

Diane Fujioka, Membership Chair, reported 5 new members joined in 2020 – hip hip hooray! Unfortunately, in 2020, 9 members passed away. BWA is grateful for the new members and the fellowship and contributions of members that are no longer with us.

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-chair, sent out 1 card.

Remember to circle Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. These are the BWA Fundraiser dates at Minato Restaurant. Just place an order or several orders on any one of the days or all days and let Minato Staff know that you are supporting BWA and a portion of the profit from your meal will be donated to BWA. This is for Take-Out orders only! All funds raised will help defray costs incurred for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto in 2023. Thank you for participating and thank you Minato Restaurant.

BWA would like to gratefully acknowledge and thank the following for their generous donations:

Christine De La Rosa and Setsuko Hane Family for general donations

Hope everyone is well and staying safe.

## Archives Committee

by: Bob Nakano, Committee Member

The Archive Committee of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin would like to thank Michiko Itatani for donating a binder that chronicles the "Trimble Road Yesteryear Reunion," held at the Red Lion Hotel in San Jose on October 12, 1993 and the generous monetary donation in memory of Hedio Kumada. Thank you very much.

Something to think about doing is to digitize or scan important family documents and put names and events with them while we are "isolated at home." I have many different types of albums. The ones with the plastic cover sheets are very acidic and affect the documents more quickly than albums without the plastic sheets. These albums can be scanned without removing the plastic sheets by several types of scanners. I am using a portable hand scanner which is working pretty well. Some photo storage software will allow adding names of individuals and well as footnotes to the pictures and albums. Photo software has come a long way from just digitizing to OCR and facial recognition. One day I hope to organize my many albums on the computer.

# Webelos I Scouts Metta Program

By: Denise Kanazawa

This year we had 10 Cub Scouts complete the Metta program. They are: Aaden Timbol, Brandon Nagatani, Benjamin Wehrle, Finn Haney, Landen Kanazawa, Logan Chavez, Marcus Sakurai, Nikko Jung, Ryan Lou, and Trevor Fujimoto Dilger. These 10 boys attended their Metta class virtually over zoom for 12 weeks, church Dharma service, and Dharma School. Through Metta, Service, and Dharma School the boys learned and deepened their knowledge of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Arigato to Mrs. Karen Akahoshi for leading the Metta class, teaching the boys about Buddhism, and letting the boys give you homework with their questions. Arigato to Mrs. Cathy Pike (Dharma School teacher) and Jory Furukawa (Dharma School Teacher's aide) for teaching the boys in Dharma school each week. Arigato to Rinban Sakamoto and Rev. Mikame for the Sunday Dharma services and to Rinban for taking them on a zoom tour of the onajin. The boys can't wait to see it with you in person. The cub scouts and families are especially thankful and grateful to Mrs. Akahoshi, Mrs. Pike, Jory, Rinban Sakamoto, and Rev. Mikame for your dedication and teachings of Buddhism. Here are the cubs thoughts:



## Aaden:

In Metta class I learned many great things that I enjoyed. We watched the video about the gold leaf and how it is made. My favorite part of Metta was when Rinban Sakamoto gave us a tour of the onajin.

## Benjamin:

Metta means to be kind to others and know that others' opinions count too. I liked learning about the history of Buddhism and reading aloud to my friends. Taking the Metta class has made me more open minded, I am more aware of how lucky I am for what I have and it makes me want to study more about Buddhism.



## Brandon:

"I enjoyed the virtual tour of the church from Rinban because I got to see many of the things in the church. Mrs. Akimoto taught me a lot of things like the meaning of the Eightfold Noble Path."



## Finn:

I liked Metta! An activity I enjoyed was a beautiful tour of the Betsuin. One thing I learned was Shinran Shonin's early life. I felt like this was a journey that brought me one step closer to Buddhism.







**Landen:**

I liked learning about Buddhism. Our teacher Mrs. Akimoto is really nice. My favorite activity in Metta was the tour of the Hondo with Rinban Sakamoto.

**Logan:**

In Metta I learned more about how Siddhartha became Enlightened. I also learned how the Jodo Shinshu started.



**Marcus:**

I really liked my teacher, Ms. Akimoto and learning about Shinran Shonin and Buddhism. I enjoyed seeing my friends on Zoom each week. I want to thank Auntie Denise [Kanazawa] for helping set up virtual Metta. I feel so proud to have completed Metta.



**Nikko:**

In Metta, I learned how buddhism spread with people learning and then teaching others. I think Mrs. Akimoto is a nice teacher. Each week our Metta group asked questions about the teachings, and the next week Mrs. Akimoto would take the time to answer them. I also found the stories she told us about the buddhas fascinating.



**Ryan:**

I like that we got to learn about where Siddhartha was born. I also like that we got to watch videos at the last zoom call.

**Trevor:**

My favorite part of Metta class was drawing a picture of Gautama Buddha after enlightenment.



# Boy Scout Troop 611

By: Rajan Dasu

Boy Scout activities and troop meetings for February 2021. Fox patrol was patrol of the month. The topic was communication. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the elections for troop positions were held. The new Senior Patrol Leader is Aaron Oshidari and the new Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is Patrick Ogawa. The meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> had activities about communications and decrypting (morse code and braille) activities. The meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> was a review of the activities of the previous and we took an online quiz called a Kahoot. March will be Owl patrol. The topic will be pioneering.

## Jr. YBA

By: Cassidy Yoneda

We were unable to hold our annual Spaghetti Dinner this year, so instead we held a fundraiser through The Pasta Market restaurant. Although it wasn't the same as previous years, we found a way to adapt. Thank you to Pasta Market and everyone who came out and supported us. It was a very successful event! We had another great general meeting over Zoom, continuing to find ways to come together even when we are physically separated. Another event we held was thank you card making for frontline healthcare workers. Thank you to our members who helped out, it was a fun time, and also a great way to serve our community. In new business, the 2021 Coast District Conference is coming up soon on March 20, 2021. We look forward to connecting with members of other chapters. Hope to see you! there!



# Sangha Crafters

**By: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa**

It has been a year since our lives changed with SIP, social distancing, washing hands, masks, etc. In December, the Crafters began to meet in the parking lot to exchange to be done and completed projects. Many Crafters have gotten or will be getting their doses of vaccine. It was good to see everyone for a brief time. Project Linus provided the fleece blanket kits and the Crafters provided the time and talent. Sixty blankets were delivered in February. These will be distributed to shelters, hospitals, foster care, other areas where children (0 to 18 yrs) are in need. Scarves and caps were also created. Again PL complimented the Crafters on the quality of the crocheted edges and the other works. Thank you, Thank you, Arigato!!!!

Next parking lot gathering is March 5 at 11AM.

Questions, comments, suggestions, ideas: [Bettysjc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bettysjc@sbcglobal.net) or [GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com](mailto:GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com)

# Aloha Club

By: Kathy Sakamoto

*'A 'ohe lana nui ke alu 'ia*

“No task is too big when done together by all.”  
(‘Olelo no ‘eau-Hawaiian Proverbs)



Aloha kākou~



Are all of you doing okay?

I was trying to practice a little hula the other day. Sarah started doing a little, I tried following and I found that practice may not mean perfect but it does mean that you can keep things in your mind and body a bit better! By the same logic, not practicing makes mo

So, just sharing – I started hula at Hālau Nā Wai Ola in maybe 2014 or 2015 during a summer session because Kumu Kau’i Isa-Kahaku and the girls and women with her kept inviting me to join as they went up and down the stairs of the 565 N 6th Street to the former Okayama banquet room. Across from that room, my door was usually open and they would always say ‘aloha’ as they came by. I was often working in my then-role as Executive Director of the Japantown Business Association in that office and I would hear them laughing as they sewed or wove adornments for performances.

A little bit of history. The association became a non-profit in 1987 so that Japantown could be considered a Business Improvement District. This designation gave it access to attention and programs from the Redevelopment Agency of San Jose. The building used to be owned by Ken Ashizawa and was known as Soko Hardware. The property was sold when Ken retired and purchased by Wesley United Methodist Church. The hālau moved in after Ken cleared out things from the hardware store his father had passed down to him. At the time he was still the owner and was very happy to have the hālau move in. The Kahaku family was considerate, kind and friendly, always thought of the community and world as a whole, spreading aloha and being responsible citizens.

So my introduction to hula came after putting on the Spirit of Japantown Festival where we had one dedicated ‘stage’ for Hawaiian performances. We had music, hula from many hālaus and Hawaiian flowed freely through the streets. But actually becoming a part of Hālau Nā Wai Ola was because of Kau’i and her immersion, respect and involvement with being Hawaiian. I learned a lot, actually, enough to keep learning. As in Jodo Shinshu, there is no end to the learning or the love, appreciation and wonder.

Hula is, yes, a way for people to get connected to island culture and learn a little bit about the happiness of dance. But hula is not simply movement to music. Hula is like the spoken word, only in movement. A main point to remember is that there is no hula without chant. The chant is like our sutra. The chant tells the story of Hawai’i. Our chanting, like the Amida Kyo, recounts the names of the arhats that were there, the buddhas in the realm, describes the golden sands, the beautiful colors of the flowers, the melodious songs of the birds and much more. Without the talk given by Shakyamuni (just one of the buddhas that have lived on the earth) addressing Śāriputra the Elder, or whoever wrote it down, or conveyed it in another way, we would not have the chant which relates the talk or “story” – the description Shakyamuni Buddha gives about Sukhāvaṭṭī.



I don't know why we do not have movement that goes with the chanting. We seem to have stillness, breathing, centering of ourselves to enable us to hear the dharma and eventually the awe that inspires us takes the place of conscious movement.

With hula practice, one can hear the story and share it by performing hula in a meaningful way. That is the aloha spirit that permeates all that Hawai'i is. 🙏 to Kumu Kau'i.

Stay safe and healthy!  
Namo Amida Butsu

~Aloha Nui~

*Kathy*

## EcoSangha Eco Tip

By: Kay Dasu

Evidence shows that, thanks to human activity, global temperatures are rising at a level which is not sustainable for the environment to be able to survive. It might be the middle of a pandemic, but almost two thirds of people around the world see climate change as a global emergency, according to the largest opinion poll ever done on the issue. But it is difficult. We are being bombarded with scary stories and told that we must change our ways – and soon. The UN survey – which included over half a million 14 to 18 year-olds – suggested people were in favor of policy decisions around renewable power and sustainable jobs. But on an everyday level, what can we do? How can we make a difference when it seems like everything has a bad impact on the climate? The first is not to beat yourself up if you forget your bag for life or your reusable cup – it will probably just add to your eco-anxiety. Second tip is about turning your good intentions into good habits. Do whatever you can, and after a while it will become a habit. And the third tip is probably the one which involves the biggest change. It is about living a minimal lifestyle – cutting out needless buys.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Please come out and have some fun at our 13<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament on May 24, 2021.

The golf tournament is a fundraiser for the Phase II Generations Capital Campaign.

We will be playing at San Jose Country Club with lunch and dinner included.

If you don't play golf, no worries, as you can contribute by buying a delicious dinner and/or purchasing \$20 Special Raffle tickets (that has a \$4000 cash first prize and 10-\$100 prizes) and \$1 Raffle tickets for various prizes.

As with all raffle prizes you need not be present to win!

Thank you in advance for supporting the Generations fund benefitting the renovations to the Education Building!

If you have ideas or suggestions to improve our tournament, please contact the church office or send us an email at [sjbc.golf.tournament@gmail.com](mailto:sjbc.golf.tournament@gmail.com).

In Gassho  
Rinban Sakamoto



# Oseibo Funds Distributed

By: Oseibo Committee

The Betsuin Oseibo Committee would like to thank all who so generously donated to the 2020 Oseibo Fund. A total of \$22,290.00 was collected, including donations received after the deadline. The Oseibo Committee, consisting of Terry Oshidari, Glenn Kurimoto and Al Hironaga, decided upon the distribution of the funds based upon the donors' designations and the committee's collective judgment when donors did not specify a distribution. The amount collected, allowed the committee to provide nice end-of-the-year checks to our two ministers, the regular office staffers, and the weekend staffers, and three Minister Assistants. Special designations also provided for checks to Mrs. Tomie Nishimura, Mrs. Yumi Hojo, the Japanese Language School teachers and staff, Lotus Preschool teachers and staff, Sally Idemoto and the Dharma Staff and regular temple volunteers. Thank you to the following individuals and families who donated to the Oseibo Fund:

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To: High School Seniors and College Students  
From: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship Committee

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is pleased to offer several scholarships to graduating high school seniors in addition to one college student. The scholarships will be presented at our Baccalaureate Service on June 6, 2021.

**Awards:** Cash awards of \$500-\$1000. Current scholarships include: the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship, the Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Scholarship, the San Jose Buddhist Church Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Scholarship, the Shizue and Sadao Sakai Memorial Scholarship, the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Scholarship, the James Takeo Hashimoto Memorial Scholarship, the Robbie Yamada Memorial Scholarship, and the Ben and Kimie Sanematsu Memorial Scholarship. Details of each scholarship can be found on the San Jose Betsuin website.

**Qualifications:** Immediate family is a member of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin (minimum one-year membership).

Minimum 3.0 GPA during last three academic years, based on 4=A, 3=B, 2=C grading system (except for Matsumoto and BWA scholarships that require a minimum 2.5 GPA).

**Judging Criteria:** Academic Achievements, Church Activities, Dharma School, School Activities, Community Activities, Work Experience and Written Statement.

Please submit your completed application with an official, sealed transcript to:

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN  
Scholarship Committee  
640 N. Fifth Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

You may also scan your completed application and email it to [scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org).

### Application Deadline: May 1, 2021

After the church office receives your scholarship application, you will receive notification of receipt. If you have not heard from the Scholarship Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup>, please call the office at (408) 293-9292 or email us at [scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org). Following the committee's selection, all applicants will receive written notification.

**SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN**  
**High School/College Scholarship Application Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Please print or type your responses on a separate sheet. Your information should include dates/years. A completed application must be submitted with an **official, sealed transcript** from your high school.

**A. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

GPA (10-12), SAT scores, rank in class/size, school honors and/or achievements, etc.

**B. CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**

Jr. YBA, Buddhist studies, Scouts, leadership projects, etc.

**C. DHARMA SCHOOL:**

Attendance, Jr. Choir, teaching/assisting, etc.

**D. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Clubs, offices held, band, sports, honors, etc.

**E. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Service, volunteer work, fundraising, etc.

**F. EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS:**

List schools/colleges to which you have applied.

**G. WORK EXPERIENCE:**

List jobs held, title, responsibilities and length of employment.

**H. WRITTEN STATEMENT:**

Please write a 1-3 paragraph statement about what the S.J. Betsuin has meant to you.

**I. AGREEMENT:**

To the best of my knowledge, this submission is an accurate and honest representation.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 24, 2021

SAN JOSE COUNTRY CLUB

15571 ALUM ROCK AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA 95127

- Individual Medal Play Awards for Men, Women and Callaway flights
- Closest to the Pin on All Par 3s and Skins: Cash Awards for all flights
- Foursome Requests Accepted
- 11:00 a.m. Shotgun (Please Check in by 9:30 a.m.)

ENTRY: \$195.00 per Individual

\$370.00 per Husband/Wife

\$145.00 per Student (25 and younger)

Entry includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund, Skins, Closest to the Pin, Lunch & Dinner

Dinner Only (Guest): \$45.00

Special Raffle tickets (\$20 ea.) for \$4000 cash prize and 10-\$100 prizes

Lots of other great Raffle Prizes with winners notified at end of tournament

Tournament Sponsor: \$1,800.00

Includes: Foursome Entry Fees, Hole Sponsorship & Four Special Raffle tickets

Hole Sponsor: \$200.00 (includes 10 Raffle tickets, signage, & listing in golf program)

\$10,000.00 HOLE IN ONE (Courtesy of J. Morey Co.)

'Hole in One' par 3 to be announced the day of the tournament

\*Limited space availability due to Covid-19 restrictions! Please submit your entry early to reserve your spot.

\*We will adhere to Covid-19 protocols at all times to ensure your safety as much as possible.

## •ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021•

TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,800.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 200.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY:

☐ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 195.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Husband/Wife \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 370.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Student (25 and younger) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 145.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Dinner Only Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Special Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN # \_\_\_\_\_ No Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Foursome:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_ If you're willing to share a cart, please check here. \_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Mail Entry Form and Check to: San Jose Buddhist Church • 640 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. • San Jose, CA 95112 • (408)293-9292



# **BWA Fundraiser at Minato Restaurant**



**TAKE TIME OFF FROM COOKING  
AND ORDER TAKE-OUT !!!**

**Tue Mar 16, Wed Mar 17, Thu Mar 18, 2021**

Lunch (11:15 – 1:15), Dinner (5:00 – 8:00), **TAKE-OUT ONLY**

**Please let Minato Staff know that you are supporting the Buddhist  
Women's Association (BWA) and enjoy your delicious meal!!!**



**617 N. Sixth Street, San Jose, CA 95112 408-998-9711**

Funds raised will help defray costs incurred for the  
World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto in 2023

**Thank you very much to Minato Restaurant for giving a  
portion of their profits to BWA!!!**



**DOMO ARIGATO!!! ITADAKIMASU!!!**



# 2021 BOY SCOUT TROOP 611 Fundraiser



In place of the annual Boy Scout Family Dinner, Boy Scout Troop 611 is partnering with Hukilau for its 2021 fundraiser.

Hukilau will generously donate 20 % of all giftcard proceeds to Troop 611.

## **You can order giftcards in 3 ways:**

- 1) From any Troop 611 Boy Scout
- 2) By filling out the Google order form here: [order form](#)
- 3) Directly from Hukilau → please be sure to mention Troop 611 ←

**Plastic and Digital Giftcards are Available**

# **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Coast District Buddhist Temples Joint

# Gotan-e Service

Founder's Birthday Gathering

**Sun, May 16th**

10:00 am



Special Guest Speaker  
**Rev. Grant Ikuta,**  
Steveston Buddhist Temple

Seminar to Follow  
with Rev. Ikuta

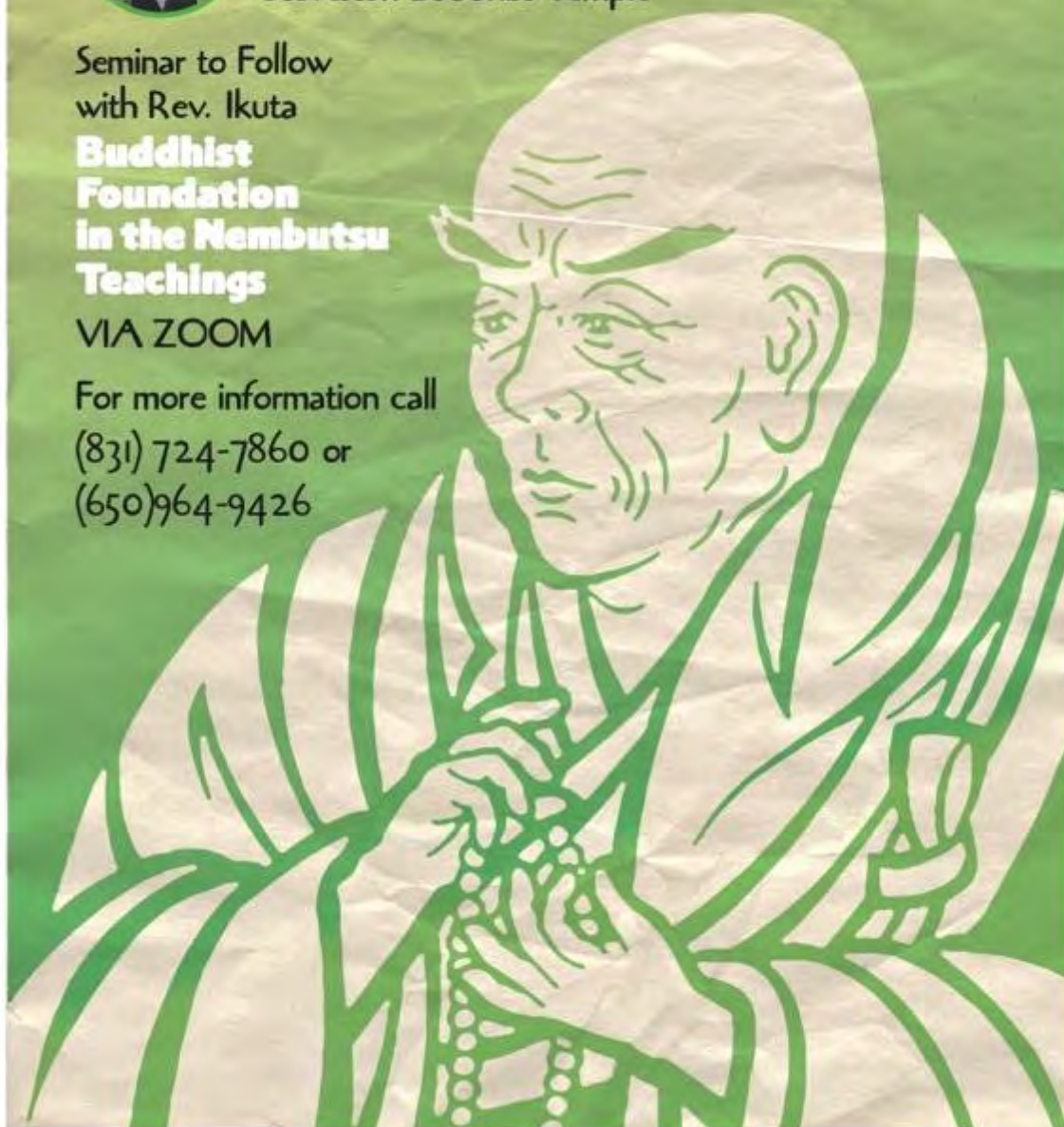
**Buddhist  
Foundation  
in the Nembutsu  
Teachings**

VIA ZOOM

For more information call

(831) 724-7860 or

(650) 964-9426





**Kenko (Healthy) Living Series**  
Presents



**Caregiving in Challenging Times**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Christina Irving, LCSW**  
Client Services Director, Family Caregiver Alliance

**When: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
**via Zoom Video Conference**  
Zoom access for this workshop will be emailed to you the day before

**RSVP by March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Please call Yu-Ai Kai to RSVP 408-294-2505  
or email [staff@yuai-kai.org](mailto:staff@yuai-kai.org)

**"Please join us to learn about:"**

- How caregiving, particularly during Covid, impacts the health of caregivers
- The steps to building caregiver resilience
- How caregivers can better cope with uncertainty
- Types of caregiver resources available in the community

**Please let us know if you need a device (computer, tablet, smart phone) or WIFI connection**  
This is a free workshop, but donations are welcome

**Funded by:**






**CELEBRATING**  
**◆ NIKKEI MATSURI ◆**





**ART ◆ CULTURE ◆ FOOD**  
**San Jose Japantown**  
**April 24 - May 9, 2021**

Nikkei Matsuri's 43rd festival is going *virtual* for 2021!  
Join us virtually to watch performances and shop with artisans as we perpetuate the Japanese American experiences, cultural customs, and traditions.

**Visit [nikkeimatsuri.org](http://nikkeimatsuri.org)**  
Facebook / Instagram / Twitter  
[@sjnikkeimatsuri](https://www.facebook.com/sjnikkeimatsuri)



Artwork by  
Naomi Takashi Shepherd



Limited quantities!  
Order early!



## Hukilau San Jose Fundraiser

Supporting Yu-Ai Kai. Supporting our community.

**March 23, 24 and 25, 2021**

Shoyu Chicken Adobo, Rice and Mac Salad

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

**Pick-up in front of Yu-Ai Kai building**  
**NOTE THE EARLIER DINNER PICK-UP TIMES!**

**Order February 24 through March 17**

Online at: [yuaikai-hukilau.eventbrite.com](http://yuaikai-hukilau.eventbrite.com)

By phone or mail: (408) 294-2505 or use form below  
(**must be received at Yu-Ai Kai office by March 17**)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Hukilau Adobo Plates @ \$20 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up **DATE** (check one): ☐ Tues, March 23 ☐ Wed, March 24 ☐ Thurs, March 25

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

Mail/deliver this form with your check made payable to 'Yu-Ai Kai' **no later than March 17, 2021**  
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**



## Covid 19 Vaccination Information

Santa Clara County healthcare providers are scheduling Covid19 vaccination appointments for county residents who are 65 and older. If you are a patient of Kaiser or Palo Alto Medical Foundation you may be able to schedule your vaccine appointment through their system. The County will vaccinate anyone regardless of healthcare provider. For information about the various health systems, go to [www.sccfreevax.org](http://www.sccfreevax.org).

**To schedule a vaccine appointment, go to:**

**<https://vax.sccgov.org/home>**

Vaccinations are being administered at several locations throughout Santa Clara County. You'll need to select and go to a vaccination site.

This information is available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog at the websites listed above.

As more vaccine becomes available, eligibility rules will be adjusted. Check the web sites often as they are updated regularly or call (408) 970-2999 or 2-1-1.

[www.japantownprepared.org](http://www.japantownprepared.org)

**2.5.21**



## Upcoming Services

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Spring Ohigan Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Blayne Higa from Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Hanamatsuri

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Earth Day Service

**May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Gotan-E Service and Shosanshiki Infant Presentation

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Baccalaureate Service

## *Japanese Telephone Dharma Message*

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is now offering a Japanese Dharma Message using your telephone. To listen to the message, you will need to call (408) 293-9292.

If you call between the hours of 8:30am to 5:00pm the Betsuin office staff will have to transfer you to the extension to listen to the Dharma Message.

If you call after 5:00pm, follow the message prompts and select the appropriate number to get you to the Japanese Dharma message.

### 2021 Memorial Service Schedule

Please schedule a service if your loved ones passed away in the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> annual
2015	7 <sup>th</sup> annual
2009	13 <sup>th</sup> annual
2005	17 <sup>th</sup> annual
1997	25 <sup>th</sup> annual
1989	33 <sup>rd</sup> annual
1972	50 <sup>th</sup> annual
1922	100 <sup>th</sup> annual