

## the Dharma

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#### **Betsuin Calendar of Events**

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gym Floor Renovation

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing) at Tokuzen-ji Temple. See attached flyer.

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Hanamatsuri Service

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Venture Crew 611 E-WasteCollection. Please see attached flyer for more information and drop off location

#### **Community Events**

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Yu Ai Kai Kenko Living Series via ZOOM. See attached flyer

## Wisdom and Compassion

#### by: Gerald Sakamoto

The two central components of enlightenment are wisdom and compassion. Wisdom that allows us to see things as they are and compassion how we engage the world.

Buddhism encourages us to engage the world from the position of compassion. It is not easy to do this. We are not Buddhas. However, if the pattern of our behavior is to respond to anger with anger that will become the established pattern of our behavior. If we respond with kindness and compassion then that will become the established pattern of our behavior. There are examples of this throughout Buddhism. Shinran's example of water dripping from eaves that over time leave dimples where they fall. Or Shakyamuni Buddha's example of the incense handler who's body, after time, is permeated with the fragrance of the incense.

Buddhism is simple yet difficult. It begins with the question, "How do we resolve the difficulties we cause and experience?" It's a simple question because we all experience this and most would rather be free of difficulties than not. Becoming free of difficulties is the challenge. What do we do? Should I even think about it?

If we are to resolve the difficulties we experience, from a Buddhist perspective we need to begin to examine how we view the world. We need to begin to acknowledge that our view may simply be, my view. It may also be a view that I feel defines me. Makes me who I am. That if i were to let go of that view I would no longer be worthy. I think I am still 20 years old. This is not helpful. I am not 20. Not only am I physically different, how I think, what I think has changed. To hold on to that 20- year-old me prevents me from seeing how who I am now engages the world. If someone offers to help me I should, if I am seeing things as they are, probably accept.

This is a trivial matter. How we see the world can have profound consequences. If I can begin to think and respond to the world that is not bound to how I think I see the world then I can begin to see how others might see the world. "Here comes an old guy who may need help". Me thinking, "I'm a young guy who can is still pretty agile." The foolishness with which I view the world is not just about ourselves but of others as well.

How we think about the world affects how we experience the world.

"'He insulted me, he beat me; he threw me down and robbed me.' Dwell on such thought, and your hatred will never cease."

"'He insulted me, he beat me; he threw me down and robbed me.' Put away such thoughts and hatred will never arise." from the Dammapada

With the world immersed in a cacophony of words and actions that conflict and constantly transmogrified, how will we see things as they are? If we respond to hatred with hatred how we see the world will be distorted by what I think and feel. How I engage the world will be distorted by what I am experiencing. If we can acknowledge our anger but respond with compassion there is opportunity to move forward. We can begin to address the cause of hatred and its resolution.

### The heart of

## "Itadaku -receiving with appreciation-"

by: Etsuko Mikame

It has become warmer and there is comfortable weather to go for a walk.

I found some *Sakura*, cherry blossoms that have started blooming in San Jose Japantown. When it comes to *Sakura*, Kyoto has the beautiful place to enjoy *Sakura* viewing, called *"Arashiyama"* which is located on the western outskirts of Kyoto.

I have favorite spot to visit in *Arashiyama*. That is *Tenryu-ji* temple. *Tenryu-ji* was ranked first among the city's five great Zen temples and is now registered as a world heritage site.

When I visited *Tenryu-ji*, I heard a story about a Buddhist priest of *Tenryu-ji* temple, Gazan, who lived in *Meiji* era which is about 160 years ago.

Rev. Gazan loved kids. So, every time kids visited the temple for the service, he was so happy to see them and praised them a lot. One day, after the service, Rev. Gazan said hi to the kids and showed them a big candy jar. He asked them to pick up candies with their hands as much as they wanted. The kids got excited and tried to put their hands into the jar to grab candies. Some kids tried to grab a handful candies to share some for their friends or family. However, no matter how much they tried, they couldn't take the candies out from the jar because the candy jar has a big mouth but it was narrow in the middle just like this. So, they can put their hands into the jar, but they could not pass through their fist which is filled with candies because the middle part was narrow in the jar.

They struggled to take the candies out of the jar.

"Time is up!", said Rev Gazan. Kids seemed dissatisfied because they couldn't get any candy and complained to him.

Then, Rev Gazan asked them to put their hands out in front of them and he gave as many candies as their hands could hold.

Rev. Gazen told them that candies are not something you try to grab but this is something you should receive with care and appreciation, this is "Itadaku". Before eating foods, we say "itadakimasu." Itadakimasu originally came from "itadaku" because we receive the life of animals and vegetables to survive ourselves. It is the same with the teaching of Buddha. This is not something we try to grab but this is something we receive from Buddha with care and appreciation, "itadaku."

Although Rev. Gazan was *Rinzai* Zen priest, I believe we Jodo Shinshu followers can learn some important things, too.

We tend to try to get something we want in our life such as girlfriend / boyfriend, knowledge, health, beauty, money, houses and position. We might try to work so hard and make great effort to get them. When we get them as we wish, that's great and we can live happily! However, on the opposite side of the same coin, we should know that what we got is actually something we need to let them go out of our hands, our life at the end of this life.

No matter how much rich, smart, healthy and nice you are, nobody can avoid this. Everyone needs to leave everything they got and everyone they encountered in this world.

I believe that Amida Buddha sees how we live and knows about our sufferings in our life better than anyone else even more than ourselves. That is why Amida Buddha didn't ask us any condition to reach Amida and grab the benefits but Amida always reaches us with the benefit of "Namo Amida Butsu" and embraces us as we are. Our founder, *Shinran shonin* showed that it is wonderful that we are already included in the Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion through his *Wasan* Hymn as follows.

"Seeing the sentient beings of Nembutsu

Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,

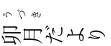
The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,

And therefore is named 'Amida.' "

Namo Amida Butsu, this is the great gift for us from Amida Buddha to make us awaken the true value of our own lives.

## Japanese Article

#### by: Etsuko Mikame





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いのだと教えてくださっているお言葉です。

人生には、役に立つものだけあれば生きてじたせい。

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また人生の「深さ」とは、自分の命のじんせい ふか じぶん いのち

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いでしょうか。

されていくことへの力になっていくのではなさ」以外に目を向けることで、今ここで生か「幅」や「深さ」が変わります。人生の「長人生は私たちの受け止める心によって

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## President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

Happy Spring everyone! The days are getting longer and weather getting nicer. I am starting to see cherry blossoms as I walk around the neighborhood. If you enjoy seeing cherry blossoms, then I hope that you will take advantage of a unique opportunity offered by Mikame Sensei to see the sakura at her home temple in Japan. There will be a virtual Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing) hosted by Mikame Sensei on Saturday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm PDT. Sensei's family will stream live from Tokuzen-ji, share views of their family temple sakura, and tell us the history of their temple. (see the notice in the Dharma or on our website) Really looking forward to that.

In March, I attended my first BCA National Council Meeting (virtually of course) and I found it very interesting. I was pleasantly surprised to see how large and diverse the BCA has become. Diverse in the sense of membership as well as activities that the BCA is involved. If you get a chance, please take a look at their new website (buddhistchurchesofamerica.org). It has recently been revamped and contains a lot of information. The National Council Meeting was also, as it turns out, very timely. On the weekend of the meeting, the vandalism acts perpetrated on the Higashi Hongwanji temple in Los Angeles occurred. This spurred a conversation about the "Anti-Asian" violence issue that is currently a national topic of conversation. Interestingly, an attendee from one of the Los Angeles area temples mentioned that until fully investigated, one should not assume that it was an anti-Asian act. It could have been a "regular act of vandalism" as that temple, as well as all of Little Tokyo is directly adjacent to "skid row" as it called...an area with an extremely large homeless population consisting of many individuals with drug/alcohol problems or mental health issues. This exact opinion was shared with me by my son who has worked in Little Tokyo for several years. The message being that one shouldn't assume anything until proven otherwise. Yes, there does seem to be an increase in anti-Asian crime, but I wonder how much worse it is than "anti-Black" or "anti-Muslim" crime that has existed in the past years. We should all remember that we are all interconnected and I hope that we can treat everyone as we would expect to be treated ourselves. Having said that, please always be aware of your surroundings. There is an effort being started in our own Japantown to have a volunteer group become a presence around town, especially during midday times when there are many elderly Asian people out and about. If you have interest (and the time) and would like to volunteer, please contact Rich Saito at japantownprepared@gmail.com.

Ok...time to jump off my soapbox! I am looking forward to April at the Betsuin. The Board of Directors will be holding a retreat (actually at the end of March) where we will discuss ideas for the future of the Betsuin. I am hoping to hear some new and innovative ideas on how to grow the Betsuin. April is also the month for Hanamatsuri, Earth Day and Nikkei Matsuri. We are now taking entry forms for our annual golf tournament to be held at the end of May (details in the Dharma or our website). Get those clubs out and get ready for a great day of golf to support Generations Phase II.

Busy month, but I hope you can get out and enjoy the arrival of Spring!

In Gassho, Steve

## **COVID-19 Update**

We're happy to see the increasing numbers of people being vaccinated for COVID-19 and that Santa Clara County is in the Orange Tier. The Board of Directors and ministers have discussed the Betsuin's next steps towards reopening. It was decided that the Betsuin will operate one tier higher than what is currently allowed by the county.

We offer virtual Sunday, memorial and funeral services, and off-site in person weddings and services. If Santa Clara County remains in Orange we will begin scheduling in person Hondo memorial services after Betsuin staff is fully vaccinated.

The Nokotsudo is open by advance appointment only. The Betsuin office is still closed to in person visits. The office staff can be reached by email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or by phone (408-293-9292). We're still here to help as much as we can, so please email or call us.

Although more activities are now permitted and capacities have increased, please be mindful that many of these activities remain very high risk and consider the safety of everyone around.

In Gassho, Randy Suzuki

## **Shosanshiki Infant Presentation**

We will be holding our 2021 Shosanshiki Infant Presentation on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. The Infant Presentation will be a virtual service. Please use the QR Code or click on the link below to register.



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## **Buddhist Women's Association**

#### by: Barbara Sasaki

Hope you are enjoying Spring and the longer daylight hours that has now come our way.

Last month, Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare co-chair sent 1 card to a couple that were both injured.

Happening in March was BWA's fundraising at Minato Restaurant. Joanne Akizuki, chairperson of the event wants to give a huge thank you to all BWA members, family and friends who supported BWA during the March 2021 fundraiser hosted by Minato restaurant. Joanne goes on to say that BWA appreciates all the lunches and dinners prepared And Eaten! Especially in these difficult times, BWA appreciates the community coming together. Thank you to Minato restaurant for your continuous support of BWA! Also, a big thank you to Joanne Akizuki for coordinating this fundraiser that supports the BWA World Conference in Kyoto Japan in 2023.

BWA deeply appreciates and thanks the following for their generous contributions:

- Tomiye Imokawa, Robert and Sally Idemoto, Junko Yamano, Hiroko Kuwano, Miyo Tanaka, Susan Sakai-McClure and Mary Wakatsuki for general donations
- Alice Tanaka donation for a board gift
- The following donations are for the 2023 World BWA Conference in Japan:
  - Kazue Hashiguchi for See's Candy donation
  - Susan Nakamura, Fred Kawahara, Joyce Iwasaki and Nancy Hikoyeda for Minato Restaurant donations
  - Ray and Lucy Matsumoto donation In lieu of botamochi/chirashi fundraiser

Until next month, stay safe and well.

## **Archives Committee**

By: Bob Nakano

The Archive Committee of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin would like to thank Dan and Sandy Imai for their generous monetary donation in memory of Randy Inouye.

## Pack 611, Den 2 – The Great Whites

By: Den 2 Leaders

The Great Whites of Den 2 have worked very hard to complete the Bear requirements. We have been meeting virtually through Zoom and the boys have been engaged and ready for each meeting. In December, the boys earned their pin for "Paws for action." Police Captain David Sakurai spoke to the boys on the skills police officers use during their jobs. The Great Whites also put together a home safety plan, in-case an emergency occurs.

In January, the Great Whites completed the Bear Necessities adventure. The focus was to be prepared for an outdoor campout. Since we are adhering to the shelter in place order, the boys focused on what gear is important to take for a safe and fun campout. The boys also had to assemble a tent at home. Den Leader Carlos also taught the boys how to tie half hitch knot.

In February, the Great Whites completed the "Roaring Laughter," Adventure. This adventure came at a great time as the boys were getting a little Zoom fatigue. The boys learned the importance of laughter. To make each other laugh, the boys told two jokes. They also practiced reading tongue twisters out loud. This was a fun night and brought out a lot of cheerful energy from the boys.

The Great Whites of Den 2, parents and leaders wish everyone a safe and healthy spring season!

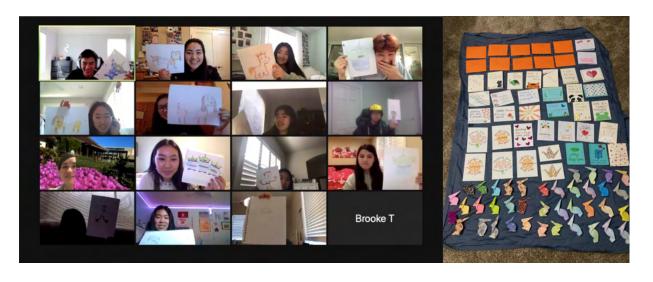
## Jr. YBA

#### By: Kaylee Okamoto

This month we had a card making zoom event on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We made spring themed cards and origami rabbits for the Yu-Ai-Kai Senior Day Service clients. Thank you to all those who went and helped make the cards. It was great to see each other virtually!

This year we hosted the 2021 Coast District Conference on March 20<sup>th</sup> with the Mountain View and Salinas chapters. The theme was Toy Story "You've Got A Friend In Me". Reverend Candice Shibata talked about the Dharma, Mr. Matt also ran a Q&A session with Ally Maki, an American actress and voice actor of Giggle McDimples from Toy Story 4. After, the workshop leaders got into groups with delegates and did different activities together, including an escape room where they were trapped at SunnySide Daycare with toys. The activity emphasized the idea of interdependence while the delegates worked through the puzzle. Even though it was online, it was a great opportunity to socialize with other people from different chapters all over the Bay Area, Southern California and even Seattle.

Connor Alicaya, who also serves as our current Coast District President, was one of the CD Conference Co-Chairs. Kendall Ho ran Registration, and Alison Aochi created and ran the conference website. Workshop leaders representing San Jose Jory Furukawa, Alison Aochi, Emily Nakashima, and Kendall Alicaya. Jory Furukawa, Kohei Tsuchitani, and Kendall Alicaya led chanting and a reading during service with representatives from Mountain View and Salinas chapters. We would also like to thank Rinban Sakamoto and Reverend Mikame, and Advisors Tracy Alicaya, Grace Ho, Matt Ogawa, Cheryl Sweeney, Nancy Aochi, and Jayna Nakashima for their guidance. Congratulations to everyone on a successful conference!





## 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~



If there is no other reason to write than to say 'aloha' – Aloha! Really, what other reasons are there?

Quite a few.

But this one – aloha – is one that means something in the context of the current crush of hatefulness and suspicion that permeates society. We try to find out why these things happen and it usually is found that the basis of the bad act is blame, fear, anger, ignorance, envy, and all other things in those realms of human behavior that the eightfold path leads us to reckon with and ultimately find that we fall into once again in some way, shape or form, thus guiding us to just open ourselves to realization that we are foolish beings and that Amida and the Pure Land was there all along.

Being a person that finds herself in retrogression a lot (therefore NOT enlightened...lol) I found myself trying to remember a chant that I learned at the hālau. The chant (*oli*) was written by Kumu Hula and Hawaiian cultural and language expert Edith K. Kanāka'ole.

"Today, this oli is commonly used at the start of an event or small gathering to focus a group's energies and ultimately carry out the kuleana (responsibility) they have undertaken.

It is recommended that haumana (students) use this chant to help them seek knowledge and clear their minds of any negativity." Quoted from the pages online of the Aloha 'Āina Project https://blogs.ksbe.edu/alohaainaproject/e-ho-mai/

#### ~E Hō Mai~

E hō mai ka 'ike mai luna mai e Grant us the knowledge from above O nā mea huna no eau no nā mele e Concerning the hidden wisdom of songs,

E hō mai Grant, E hō mai Grant,

E hō mai Grant us these things

Yeah. We want to cover all bases.

Yeah. And guess what. We agree. If you are on an island (like island Earth) – there is mountain, land, sea and above. That is the world that humans depend upon to live. That's it, yeah?

Another quote from the website:

"If you plan for a year, plant kalo.

If you plan for ten years, plant koa.

If you plan for one hundred years, teach the children."

by Puanani Burgess

I think there are more stories and sayings and quotes like this that I've heard from various sources from other parts of the world, ancient and modern. There's so much wisdom in existence.

Now, just need to get it into my being! And somehow (Amida's vow), it will eventually stay there! Doesn't hurt to have those reminders tho' I think.

Stay safe and healthy! Namo Amida Butsu

~Aloha ~

Kathy

## Sangha Crafters

#### By: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

Spring is here, wish we had more rain but it is beautiful and sunny. Thanks again for all who participate in the Crafters. Tomi and I delivered 57 completed fleece and crocheted blankets to Project Linus. One of the Crafters uses the scraps of yarn to make granny square blankets so nothing is wasted. There was a large donation of yarn to Project Linus from a Betsuin member, greatly appreciated.

Crafters will meet in the parking lot to exchange to be done and completed items. Appreciate the ongoing time and talent the Crafters have provided even with the pandemic. Most of the Crafters have had or will soon have their vaccines. Masks and social distancing continues, it is good to see Crafters. Continue to take care one and all.

Next gathering: April 2, Friday, 11AM, Temple parking lot

Any questions, suggestions, idea, comments: Bettysjc@sbcglobal.net or GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com

## **Brownie Padma Class**

#### By: Reiko Iwanaga

Congratulations to 11 resourceful Brownies on completing the Brownie level Padma program. This was an interesting and challenging year, and the girls and parents were conscientious in being on zoom classes promptly and figuring out my various envelopes. The packets I prepared were picked up by Libby Morimoto and distributed by Elizabeth Klotz and I am grateful for their efforts. Thank you also to Rinban Sakamoto who gave the girls a virtual tour of the Onaijin. Their service project was to make Valentine cards that were distributed with the lunches picked up by Yu-Ai Kai seniors. Their final requirement is to speak or write an article for the newsletter. Here is their collective effort.

Gassho, Reiko Iwanaga

#### Some Highlights from our Padma Class

Ву

Ana Chiem, Charlie Gardiner, Ava Hoyt, Kristen Kubo, Andrea Lobato, Adelynn Yeung-McMillin, Brisayuri Ocampo, Isabella Rivera, Nora Severson, Roslyn Tajii, Reese Warner

Some of our lessons were on the Six Paramitas.

One of the Six Paramitas is Dana and it means being helpful.

Another is Meditation and it means to reflect on the Teachings of the Buddha.

Sila is another Paramita and it means discipline.

We learned about the early life of Shakamuni Buddha.
Prince Siddhartha was born on April 8 in Lumbini Garden.
His parents were King Suddhodana and Queen Maya.
Two important Buddhist holidays are Hanamatsuri and Bodhi Day.

We made puzzles, did origami and other lessons and finished with Bingo.

We learned Padma is a word for the lotus flower. It means we are all equal parts and can try to reach high goals, just like the lotus that grows from muddy waters to become beautiful.

## **EcoSangha**

By: Carol Yuki

Tips for Living with Less Plastic and Saving the Environment When Shopping:

- \*Bring you own shopping bags
- \*Skip the plastic produce bags bring your own

When eating out or away from home:

- \*Bring your own hot cup
- \*Say "NO" to disposable straws and cutlery
- \*Bring your own "Doggie Bag" container for leftovers
- \*Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- \*Carry a reusable water bottle

Share these TIPS with your friends!

## Betsuin Scholarship Update

By: Larry Handa

A SJ Betsuin website has been created to submit your application. Please use the weblink below to apply. You will still need to submit your official transcript either by mailing it to the church office or emailing a copy to the Betsuin.

https://sites.google.com/view/sjbetsuinscholarships

### **Generation Pickers**

By: Mike Mori

We're off to a great 2021 for Generation Pickers. Thanks to all that have contacted us and donated items to our program.

What's hot? Vintage electronic equipment from the 70's to 90's has been keeping us busy. Higher end amplifiers, receivers, tape decks, headphones, and even laserdisc players. We're looking for the stuff that was top of the line back in the day. Names like Nakamichi, Marantz, Pioneer and Sony. Quality film cameras and lenses from Canon, Nikon, Leica and other high end names. Sports and card collectables have really popped in value. Especially graded cards. We're even selling industrial items like motors and electronics we stripped from one of the old Obon coolers.

So check out your closets, attic, garage and junk drawers. If you have any stuff of value laying around the house, just shoot us an email or give us a call. We'll be happy to discuss any item that might be good for our program. Remember, all proceeds benefit the Phase II of the Generations campaign to replace our aging Education building & Lotus preschool facility.

I would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to Generation Pickers:

Denise Takao Diane Fujioka Emi Tsutsumi Janice Oda Joyce Iwasaki Leslie Kitazumi Bob Rosenbloom Gwen Aso

Kevin Kitagawa Sycard Technology



#### By: Jeanne Nakano

NEW QIGONG ZOOM SCHEDULE March 29 thru May 31, 2021

Here is Masanori Naito's new Qigong Zoom Schedule. His last schedule had reached capacity so you'll notice March 29 & March 31 are on this new one, March 29th thru May 31, 2021. Download & import the schedule to your iCalendar & you'll receive an alert on your device each day of Qigong classes. You'll never need to type in the passcode! Masa's 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 mailed to his address in Union City. There's plenty of room for family or friends to join the class!

PayPal link - Qigong Class (https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh)
Masanori Naito's mailing address: 33721 10th St., Union City, CA. 94587

Questions about Qigong movements can be directed to the instructor Masa Naito, <u>kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net</u>. His answers will be incorporated into his class instructions.

Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano <a href="mailto:imnakano@sbcglobal.net">imnakano@sbcglobal.net</a>

Enjoy Qigong & stay healthy! Jeanne

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class 3/29 - 5/31

Time: Mar 29, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, until May 31, 2021, 28 occurrence(s)

Mar 29, 2021 09:30 AM	Apr 2, 2021 09:30 AM	May 3, 2021 09:30 AM
Mar 31, 2021 09:30 AM	Apr 5, 2021 09:30 AM	May 5, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 7, 2021 09:30 AM	May 7, 2021 09:30 AM
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	Apr 12, 2021 09:30 AM	May 12, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 14, 2021 09:30 AM	May 14, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 16, 2021 09:30 AM	May 17, 2021 09:30 AM
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Apr 30, 2021 09:30 AM

Weekly: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZltf-60pigsHNAStJjJpByFkTYZsx5EQQ">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZltf-60pigsHNAStJjJpByFkTYZsx5EQQ</a> n/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurjMtGtyWth-DRpwAAoqgKPTxiHZdgo18rwvPCQpDQBrQPdZ7CKFnRf3h

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### In Memory of Mrs. Mikiko Eto

Hideko Oda

## Mikame Sensei invites you to Hanami (Cherry Blossom Viewing) at Tokuzen-ji

Sponsored by San Jose BWA
On Saturday, April 3, 6:00 pm PST

on SJ Betsuin YouTube Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzzDwOSv9YWh7nNfh1ljGw
OR go to YouTube.com, search for
"SJBetsuin Videos" and look for "Hanami"

#### **Events:**

Opening Remarks and Kanpai Sakura at Tokuzen-ji Temple & History of the Temple Video of Sakura in San Jose Shamisen Concert and Okinawan Music Concert

Prepare or gather your favorite Hanami foods and drinks and join the fun and music

サンノゼ別院BWA(仏教婦人会)協賛

## バーチャルお花見イベント

みかめせんせい にほん しまねけん てら とくぜんじ さくら 三瓶先生の日本の島根県のお寺 (徳善寺) の桜を

一緒に見ましょう!

日時: 2021年4月3日 (土)

6:00pm より (太平洋時間)

#### さんかほうほう 参加方法;

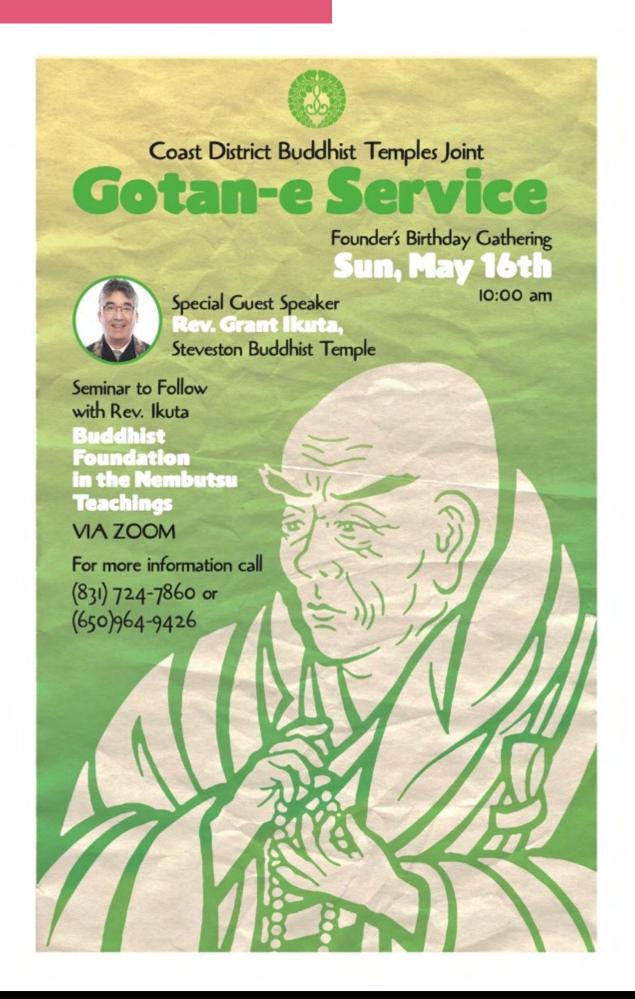
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  - ② または、YouTube で"SJBetsuin Videos" と検索していただき、 "花見(Hanami)"のプログラムを見つけてご参加ください。

#### イベント内容;

- ☆初めのあいさつ、乾杯⊷
- たくぜんじ てらしょうかい さくらしょうかい 食べき 紹介
- ☆サンノゼの桜 ビデオ
- ☆三味線コンサート、沖縄音楽コンサート♪

ご自由にお好きな花見の食事や飲み物をご用意ください!

一緒にお花見と楽しい音楽を楽しみましょう!



## 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

#### •ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021• TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\$1,800.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 200.00 \$\_\_\_ HOLE SPONSORSHIP: FNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 195.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Individual ☐ Husband/Wife X \$ 370.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 145.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Student (25 and younger) \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 45.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Dinner Only Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 20.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Special Raffle Tickets TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_ Address/City/Zip 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

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

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



## 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.

#### 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 <sup>1st</sup>, please call the office at (408) 293-9292 or email us at 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

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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, fund	draising, 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.					
Н.	WRITTEN STATEMENT: Please write a 1-3 paragraph	n statement about what the S.c	J. Betsuin has mear	nt to you.		
I.	AGREEMENT: To the best of my knowledge	e, this submission is an accura	te and honest repre	esentation.		
	Signature of applicant:		Date:			

#### **FREE Electronic Waste Collection Event**

Community service event held by:

# Venturing Crew 611 Scouts BSA

When:

Saturday April 17, 2021 9am to 3pm Location: note the NEW location

A&J Electronics Recycling 763 Mabury Road, Unit 30 San Jose, CA 95133

Due to county restrictions, we cannot accept donations at the SJ Buddhist Church Betsuin at this time.

All Wire and Cabling, Desktop PCs, Laptops, PDAs, Servers, DLP/CRT/Plasma/LCD/LED Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Mice, Keyboards, & Accessories, Copy & Fax Machines, All Audio & Video Players, Cell phones & Accessories, Electrical household appliances, and much more!!!

(please, no microwaves, large appliances or large office equipment)

\*\*\* Please review the list of acceptable items \*\*\*



#### **Event Hosted By**











#### www.ajelectronicrecycling.com

For more recycling information contact **A&J Electronics Recycling** At 408-490-4516 or email <u>ajelectronicsrecycling@gmail.com</u> **CA#115816** 



#### Items we accept for recycling...

#### • E-waste Items

- Monitors
- Televisions
- Desktop Computers
- Servers
- Laptops
- Hard Drives
- Speakers
- Fax Machines
- Pagers
- Sound Cards
- Network Cards
- Typewriters
- Digital Cameras
- Keyboards
- Media
- Modems/Cards

- Flat Screens, LCDs, CRTs
- Cell Phones/Accessories
- Video Cameras
- Video Game Systems
- Clocks
- Stereos
- Paper Shredders
- Power Tools
- Scanners
- Sound Systems
- Telephone Systems
- CD, DVD & MP3 Players
- Amplifiers
- RAM Chips
- PCI Boards
- Power Supplies

- Satellite Dishes
- Cables, Ribbons, Wire
- Christmas Lights
- CD Drives
- DVD Drives
- Fans
- Radios/Receivers
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Printers
- Heat Sinks
- Video Cards
- PDA's
- Mother Boards
- And More!!!

#### • Small Home Appliances

- Toaster
- Slow cooker
- Microwave
- Rice cooker
- Griddle

- Pressure cooker
- Electric kettle
- Deep fryer
- Waffle iron
- Bread machine

- Pasta maker
- Juicer
- Blender
- Coffee maker
- And More!!!

#### • Small Metals Items

- Stainless Steel
- Aluminum

- Copper
- Vehicle batteries
- UPS Batteries
- Laptop Batteries



**Incoming Kindergarten Girls & Parents:** 

Are you interested in learning more about the San Jose Betsuin Scouts?

The current Kindergarten Daisy Troop invites interested girls and their parents to a New Daisy Orientation and Open House

When: Friday, April 30, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Where: Remote on Zoom

Meeting ID: 826 4945 7061

Passcode: Lotus

#### **RSVP** or Questions:

Kristy Hayashida – knshayashida@gmail.com Melissa Kumamaru – melissakumamaru@gmail.com Robin Goka-Huynh – robingokahuynh@gmail.com Sarah Haney – sarahkayhaney@gmail.com

## 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

Facebook / Instagram / Twitter @sjnikkeimatsuri

Artwork by Naomi Takata Shepherd

## Watsonville Buddhist Temple presents

#### THE BETRAYED

# A virtual two-act play by Hiroshi Kashiwagi followed by discussion with Dr. Satsuki Ina, Soji Kashiwagi and cast members Helen Ota and Michael Palma

The two-act play is a love story about a young, Nisei couple who meet at Tule Lake, fall in love, but are torn apart by two controversial, government-issued "loyalty" questions. Forty years later, they meet again and discover their answers to these questions had consequences that affected them for the rest of their lives.

During the post-screening discussion, supporters will have a chance to meet the cast members Helen Ota and Michael Palma, and discuss the long-term aftereffects of the loyalty controversy with Dr. Satsuki Ina and Soji Kashiwagi, Executive Director of Grateful Crane and son of Hiroshi Kashiwagi, who passed away in 2019.

"As a 'No-No Boy,' my dad felt bad about the terrible split these questions caused within our Japanese American community," said Soji Kashiwagi. "By writing this play, his hope was for reconciliation and a community healing."

As an internee at the Tule Lake Segregation Concentration Camp, Mr. Kashiwagi experienced firsthand the tension felt between the generations brought on the by loyalty questions posed by the government. Through his work he wished for the decade old rifts to find "reconciliation and a community healing."

Hiroshi Kashiwagi was a true Japanese-American treasure. He was a poet, playwright and actor. As a pioneer figure in the Asian American art and literature movement, he inspired many younger artists along the way. He attended UCLA and USC and appeared in the documentary *Rabbit in the Moon and Infinity and Chasu Ramen*. His book, *Swimming in the American: A memoir and Selected Writings* won an American Book Award in 2005.

#### Benefit screening for the Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Donation: \$25 per person or \$50 per household

(includes play screening and discussion)

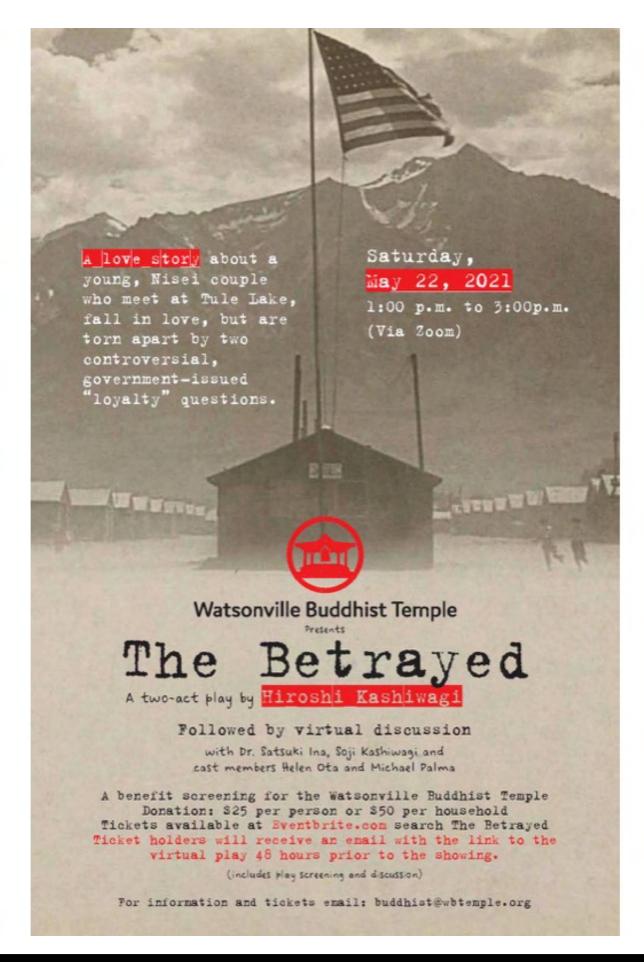
Tickets available at Eventbrite.com: Search "The Betrayed"

Ticket holders will receive an email with the link to the virtual play 48 hours prior to the showing.

Or by contacting the Watsonville Buddhist Temple

buddhist@wbtemple.org

As a courtesy to those who may not be able to view the play at the scheduled time, ticket holders can view the taped play for 36 hours after the live performance.



#### **HUMAN NATURE within BUDDHA NATURE**

WAKING UP TO A PATH OF HARMONY Buddhist Retreats since 1998

June 25-27, 2021



Shin Buddhism, the largest branch of Buddhism in Japan, is emerging in America. Shin offers a compelling process of approaching life challenges with effective results. By incorporating simple daily habits of gratitude, Shin followers are able to appreciate life, regardless of their material circumstance. Introspection, discussion, and insightful activities will bring alive a deep philosophy to a personal experience. Come experience the perspective that makes ordinary life, an extraordinary reality. Human nature inspired by Buddha nature, provides a proven path of harmony, amid the challenges of contemporary life. Wake up to American Shin Buddhism.

#### The Yokoji Zen Mountain Center:

A rustic retreat near Idyllwild in the San Jacinto mountains. www.zmc.org

#### Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Shin Buddhist minister with a background in transpersonal psychology, wilderness vision quests, personal growth and body-mind-spirit disciplines.

#### **Details and Registration**

\$ 225 before / \$ 250 after May 31: Shared rooms & vegetarian meals

Tuition: by donation at Retreat.

Due to COVID, retreat may be postponed to 2022.

Send email (no money) to ensure registration. This may be the last retreat in Southern Calif.

Contact: Buddhist Temple of San Diego Email: info@btsd.net ~ Phone: (619) 239-0896 Website: buddhisttemplesandiego.org



#### NIKKEI COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP OF SAN JOSE







#### What do you do as an intern?

- Meet community leaders and elected officials
- Learn about the three remaining Japantowns
- Collaborate with the other cohorts during intern days
- Learn how to develop grant proposals

"I am truly grateful for the NCI program because it was the perfect opportunity for me, who had never known the Japantown and JA community, to start getting involved."

- Yuriko Akeyama, NCI 2020 Intern

"NCI is truly a unique program that has given me the opportunity to grow professionally as well as learn more about the community around me." -Kimi Nakajima, NCI 2020 Intern

#### What can you get from NCI?

- Gain professional development skills
- Opportunity to meet interns from SJ, SF, and LA
- Learn more about the Japanese American community and challenges facing it
- Chance to network and learn from community leaders

NCI 2021 will be fully virtual | Program dates: June 14th through August 6th

## **Application Deadline: April 18, 2021**

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.jcc-sj.org/">https://www.jcc-sj.org/</a>







## Kenko (Healthy) Living Series Presents



## Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

**Guest Speaker:** 

Edie Yau, M.A.

Director, Diversity, Equality & Inclusion - Alzheimer's Association 10:00 am to 11:30 am Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**Via Zoom Video Conference** 

Register online at: yuaikai-KLS.eventbrite.com

For questions: staff@yuaikai.org or (408) 294-2505

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Please join us to learn how to:

- Identify the reasons for taking care of yourself as you age
- List strategies to help you age well in the following categories:

Cognitive activity

Physical health and exercise

Diet and nutrition

Social engagement

Make your own plan for healthy aging



This workshop is free, however donations to Yu-Ai Kai are always welcomed. Should you not have a device or access to WiFi and would like to participate in this workshop, please contact us (408)294-2505

Sponsored by:





#### **Upcoming Services**

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Hanamatsuri

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am Shosanshiki Infant Presentation

**May 16**<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Coast District Buddhist Temple Gotan-E Service

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:

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