

# the Dharma

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### **Betsuin Calendar of Events**

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

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Coast District Buddhist Temple Joint Gotan E Service

Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual San Jose Buddhist Church Golf Tournament

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am Virtual Memorial Day Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery (please contact Morgan Hill organizer)

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am Virtual Memorial Day Service at Gavilan Cemetery (please contact Gilroy organizer)

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Virtual Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Memorial Park

# **Yoda Knows**

### by: Gerald Sakamoto

"Fear is the path to the dark side ... fear leads to anger ... anger leads to hatred ... hatre leads to suffering" Master Yoda, The Phantom Menace, 1999

The three poisons; greed, hate and ignorance bind us to the rounds of birth and death. This image helps us understand our condition and what we might do to settle what we are experiencing.

The rounds of birth and death are our everyday life. It is these experiences that we are familiar with that we are moved by, where we experience joy and grief, happiness, sadness, all of the experiences that characterize our life as human beings. The experiences that we share with all humanity.

From a Buddhist perspective no one is outside of this. No matter our station in life or where we appear in this world, as human beings we are in this samsaric life. We are subject to the same causes and conditions that result in joy or sadness. The three poisons are the characteristics that are central to our experience in samsara. As we consider this, keep in mind Shinran's verse in the Shoshinge: A person of shinjin realizes that samsara is nirvana. Our experience of nirvana as samsara is the result of our prejudices. Fear is an important experience that shapes how we engage the world. Whether we are born to the lowest station in life or to the highest we still experience the consequences of greed, hate and ignorance.

Fear is not a bad thing, it can help us navigate the world. However, when we do not examine the cause of fear, fear can become disruptive. To become fearless is not the objective just as enlightenment is not the objective of Buddhism. Resolving the difficulties we experience as human beings is the intent of Buddhism. To recognize the cause of fear allows us to engage the world with awareness.

Fear can lead to anger if we do not understand the cause of our fear. Fear can become anger if that fear results from the possibility of losing something I value. It might be loss of freedom, loss of identity. The fear of losing something can cause us to respond in anger.

In Buddhism we know responding in anger does not resolve our circumstances, it may postpone the consequences of anger but the cause of anger remains. If the cause of anger is fear to understand the cause can help to dissipate the anger. It is not to be fearless. It is to understand the cause of why we are fearful. As the fear is acknowledged it's cause can be addressed. When the cause is addressed, the anger can dissipate. If the cause is not addressed, then anger will continue.

"In this world, hatred is never appeased by hatred. By non-hatred alone is hatred appeased. This is an eternal law." The Buddha

# Chomon no Kokoroe

### by: Etsuko Mikame

When I was still studying at a Buddhist Seminary in Kyoto, I used to visit Hongwanji to hear the Dharma talk. They offer the opportunity to hear the Dharma Talk every day. And they invite guest speakers from all over Japan twice a week, during one stay at Hongwanji like for 3-4 days, the guest speaker spoke 4 times a day.

When I had time, I made a rule to visit there to hear the Dharma Talk. Since I had just started learning Buddhism, I really wanted to understand the Buddha Dharma as soon as possible.

When speakers gave a good talk, I tried to take a note of what he/she said. However, on the other hand, when others gave a difficult and a boring talk, I sometimes fell asleep without noticing.

One day, my teacher told us a story about Rennyo shonin at a class.

In *Muromachi* period years ago in japan, a man visited Rennyo Shonin who is our 8<sup>th</sup> spiritual leader.

Speaking quite frankly, The man confessed that his mind was like filling a basket with water. "I am profoundly gratified in hearing the teachings during our dharma gatherings. Afterward, however, I retain nothing of this reverence." Rennyo offered the advice, 'Throw the basket of yours into the water; likewise, immerse yourself in the dharma. Not having faith is what is wrong."

My teacher made me realize that we always tend to judge anything, even Dhrama message too, depending on our self-centered own perspectives like "I don't know what she is saying." "I have heard of this story before." or "This is none of my business." We might try to hear someone's talk in our self-centered heart.

Rennyo Shonin recommends us that we should hear the talk as it is whether you are interested in it nor not just like throwing the basket in the water, lean your body and mind there, accept it without judgement just like the flows of water.

Reflecting upon my attitude, I noticed that I had judged ministers' talks if they were good or bad without realizing it. When I judge others, on the flip side of the same coin, maybe others also judge me. We are supposed to hear the story of Amida's Pure Land which is open equally to every living thing. But I thought I was ashamed that "I" couldn't be free from my biased perspective and judgement even when I heard the Dharma talks.

I realized that hearing the message without judgement was much more important than trying to understand the teaching.

Here, I would like to share *Chomon no Kokoroe* which literally defines how one should listen to Buddha Dharma. The members in Japan recite the *Chomon no Kokoroe* each time before they listen to Dharma Talks.

Listen as if you are listening for the first time.

Listen as if the message is for you alone.

Listen as if this is the last time you will ever listen in your life.

So, please hear and accept the any messages as if you hear it first time in your life as if it is for you alone, as if this is the last time.

No matter how hard we try to accumulate knowledge just like trying to scoop water with the basket, we can easily forget about it just like water slips from the basket.

In Jodo Shinshu, we are not required to become smart and accumulate knowledge for our liberation. Just put aside our prejudice or our experiences when we hear the Dharma, just like throwing the basket in the water. Listen with the fresh heart. It will gradually nurture our hearts open and flexibly.

Amida Buddha continues to benefit every living thing to assure us to be born in the Pure Land with its wisdom and compassion. It is just like water greatly benefits all things, without conflict. What we can do is just throw our basket in Amida's water. Its benefits will gradually soak into our heart and make us overcome our sufferings and sorrows.

# Japanese Article

### by: Etsuko Mikame



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\*日本語には元をたどると仏教語に通ずる 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~お釈迦様は大ポラ吹きひ:~

「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 and the series of the 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。「大ボラ (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 場かかか せんごくじだい ごひゃくねんまえ せんじょう がこ ぺ しゅつじろ やこど でホラ貝を吹き、出陣の合図をしました おっ かな なんかい みゃ

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、 

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「重警偈」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ほとけさま せっぽう しし ほ (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」とだが せっぽう すべ 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

て超えて、すべての生きとし生けるすべての ردرد 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、

てくださいました。生きる時代も場所もすべ

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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# President's Message

### by: Steve Onishi

The year seems to be moving right along...pandemic and all. It's probably just me because I know that I am not normal (as I have been told many times)! The winter surge of Covid-19 has led up to a much improved situation in the spring...at least here in California. We can all enjoy the freshness of the spring and its many blossoms. I hope that everyone got the chance to watch the Hanami event hosted by Mikame Sensei. There were many great sakura pictures both here locally and back in Japan at Sensei's family temple. Sensei's father was the host on the Japan side and he seems like a fun and friendly guy! I hope that we all get to meet him sometime soon.

The Monterey temple will be hosting a Coast District joint Gotan-e service this month. They will have a special guest speaker, Rev. Grant Ikuta from the Steveston Buddhist Church in British Columbia, Canada. All of the CD temples will participate and be able to view via Zoom on May 16. Immediately prior to this service (which starts at 10am), there will be our Shosanshiki Infant Presentation service at 9am.

We will also be holding the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SJ Buddhist Church Golf Tournament on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the San Jose Country Club. It's a little earlier than usual (traditionally in June) as we hope to get better weather than in 2019! I hope that you can join us. This is a fundraiser for our Generations Phase II campaign. See details in the Dharma or on the Betsuin website.

A decision was made that we will not be able to have a "normal" Obon again this year and will instead host another virtual event. Stay tuned for details in the coming months.

Yes, hard to believe it, but summer will be here before you know it. Let's all stay the course, get vaccinated and continue to wear a mask!

In Gassho, Steve

# **COVID-19 Update**

by: Randy Suzuki

We will begin offering in person Hondo (Temple) weddings, funerals and memorial services beginning **Tuesday, June 1st**. We are still operating one Tier higher than the Santa Clara County guidelines; the Betsuin's operating Tier is RED. This means, in person services will be limited to 30 people maximum plus the officiating minister(s). No Otoki/Refreshments are allowed at this time. Please email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or call (408-293-9292) the Betsuin office to schedule services. If we're not able to answer your phone call, please leave us a message.

Sunday services will remain virtual until further notice. Virtual memorial and funeral services are still available as an option.

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 (<u>sjbc@sjbetsuin.org</u>) 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 permitted and capacities have increased, please be careful as you reenter the world. Many of these activities remain high risk so please consider the safety of everyone around.

# **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

BWA wants to thank everyone for supporting our extraordinarily successful fundraiser with Minato Restaurant on Tuesday – Thursday, March 16 - 18. Thank you to Minato Restaurant for their generosity.

We hope you were able to view our first ever Tokuzen-ji – San Jose Betsuin virtual HANAMI (cherry-blossom viewing) with Mikame Sensei. This is what Karen Akimoto said about the event: We loved seeing Mikame Sensei's family in Shimane-ken, particularly her cute nephew. Kyle Abbott's shamisen and Juushoku and his Friends' Okinawan music were very lively!! The Bay Area Hanami slide show featured Lotus Preschool's Miss Lynne at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Thanks to all of you who joined us – there were over 320 views on YouTube and many compliments in the chat. Thank you to Mikame Sensei, Rinban, Kathy Sakamoto and Janice Doi for creating this amazing project. A special thank you to Mack, Marvin and Bill Kusumoto and their families for donating the beautiful commemorative Hanami masks. Bill's company Smart Source helped create our masks. If you have not seen the video, please enjoy at: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4beBIPBmsE">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4beBIPBmsE</a>

Lynda Ichinaga, Co-Chair Social Committee hosted movie day before the pandemic shutdown. Lynda and her daughter Heather thought of having a virtual movie and here is Lynda's report: On April 10, 2021 we had our first Movie Day since the pandemic. Our BWA members were able to see "Raya and the Last Dragon". It was great seeing everyone (even if it was only on the computer). Most everyone thought it was a great movie to start off with. We plan to have a watch party again. The next move and date are to be decided. If you are interested in joining our Movie Day, BWA members will be getting the Zoom link via BWA group email. So be on the lookout for the Movie Day notice. And to be on the safe side and for legal reasons, only BWA members and invited friends will be able to join our Movie Day. So, if you would like to join us for a good movie, be a member of the BWA!! Popcorn and nachos are optional! See you at the movies!! Thank you very much Lynda and Heather for organizing this and sending detailed instructions.

BWA is very grateful and would like to give a big thank you to those that donated to the organization this last month:

- Emi Tsutsumi in memory of Setsuko Hane
- Jay Kimura for the 2023 BWA World Conference in Japan

# **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.

And another thank you to Emi Tsutsumi for her generous donation in memory of HIdeko Kumada. These donations make it easier to maintain the many documents of the Betsuin.

# Pack 611, Den 1 Year Wrap Up

### By: Den 1 Leaders

The Wolves of Den 1 worked really hard this year and, although all our meetings have been virtual, we completed all the requirements to advance to the next level of scouting. The boys were even able to put together a fun and informational campfire program! Below are some of the highlights from the past few months.

"I liked the Pinewood Derby car race because racing in real life is cool, but I'm doing it in a tinier way. I liked building the car, putting the weights on to make my car heavier, and putting on the axles and wheels. I learned that it's okay if you lose the race because the important thing is to have fun. I'm glad that I raced and it was really fun." - Colin H.

"I had a lot of fun making my car for the Pinewood Derby this year. It was also fun making the video for the hot chocolate for the campfire program." - Liam K.

"This year has been fun. I enjoyed doing Boy Scouts. My favorite part was doing the Pinewood Derby. I enjoyed it because I got to see all the different cars." -Jakob G.

"My name is Kenzo and I liked the Pinewood Derby event. I had fun building my car with my Dad and Grandpa and competing with my friends. Also, Rowan's dad had funny jokes." - Kenzo O.

"Hi my name is Eric and today I'm going to tell you guys what we did since New Years. I remember a marine biologist coming to a pack meeting in January. In February we did a lot of our campfire songs. For the first two weeks of March we did more of our campfire project and during the other two weeks there were no meetings. In April I remember carving the dinosaur egg." -Eric Y.

"My name is Bryson and our pack held the Pinewood Derby. I helped my Dad with designing and painting my car. My car was a pepperoni pizza car. We had to watch the races on the computer because of COVID. I had fun. I hope we can race our cars in person next year." -Bryson O.

"I have liked hiking with Clinton. I have fun when I explore new places. I have fun going on hikes." -Parker N.

"This year, I liked doing: 1) Pinewood Derby – My Dad and I built a covered wagon. It wasn't the very fast, but it was fascinating and cool. We made little bags of flour and cornmeal to haul.

2) The Hiking challenge – My family and I did all seventeen hikes! My favorite was Almaden Quicksilver because I learned a lot of history. 3.) Saturday Adventures – I loved disc golf and I climbed to the top of Mission Peak! We tried fishing but didn't catch anything. "- Rowan C.

"I liked going on hikes and seeing nature. I also liked racing the Pinewood Derby cars. I was happy for my cousin, Parker, who came in 4th place for our Pack!" -Clinton Y.

Also, the Den Leaders would like to thank Patrick O. for volunteering to be our Den Chief. We appreciate him sacrificing his Friday nights to be an excellent role model for the boys. We would also like to thank our Wolves for all their hard work and dedication. We look forward to beginning their scouting careers as Bears next year. Thank you to the Betsuin and Sangha for supporting our scouts and providing them with this great program.

# Jr. YBA

By: Cassidy Yoneda

It's been a pretty quiet month for Jr. YBA. We've had a few meetings and another card making session for Japantown businesses. With Santa Clara County reopening with fewer restrictions and many people getting vaccinated, it looks very promising for us to get together in person real soon. We are currently planning an outdoor, socially distant boba meet up, and we are all really looking forward to it! We hope by this coming year we will be "back to normal". Looking to next year, we will be holding our elections to choose new cabinet members. I have really enjoyed my time as historian this year, and I hope to continue a role in the cabinet.

# Sangha Crafters

By: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

Spring is really here, too soon, need rain!! Thus far no "April Showers to bring May Flowers". Hope this finds you and yours doing well. Our parking lot exchanges are going well. We exchange, visit for a little while and we are gone. Crafters are masked, social distancing considerate of others. Thanks to all for their time and talent. This last month Tomi and I delivered 65 blankets to Project Linus. This included the crocheted fleece blankets, crocheted afgan and flannel receiving blankets. Scarves and caps were collected, and we'll deliver them in fall to the shelters. Every site is very careful, some of the restrictions may be eased by the fall. Take care, stay safe.

Next parking lot gathering: May 7, Friday at 11 a.m. Any questions, comments, suggestions, thoughts, brainstorms, etc: bettysjc@sbcglobal.net or 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)

(And that includes eating!)



\* KAU KAU \* ONO GRINDS \*

Aloha kākou~

FOOD! Itadakimasu 🗥



Can you think about Hawai'i without thinking about food? One cannot leave out beautiful scents and sounds, views, dancing, crafts, aloha, amazing food. Did I say amazing food? I did say amazing food! Because there is no food like the food in Hawai'i, right?

I cannot believe that we haven't eaten lau lau or saimin in...months? Of course there are Hawaiian restaurants & stores that we can and should frequent, but we know that when you actually visit Hawai'i there is a lot more than anyone can think of that you want to eat. The photos above are from two meals I think. And there's so much MORE!!!

But the most fun, is trying out all the kinds of food, new places, old places. Ask anyone local and you'll find a new place or the old place that you used to know, where it moved to. Pandemic economics made a lot of super good places close just as you see changes here, you'd see changes there.

Traditional Hawaiian food comes from the land and the sea, in harmony with the tides, the stars, the rainfall and the creatures. Don't take more than you need, and the earth provides.

There are tales about where the food comes from. They all include gods and demi-gods, sometimes humans, always a love of the fact that if you abuse it, you lose it. That is true no matter where we are or who we are. Respect for the creatures and plants, the earth, and the people whose work brought the wonderful food (to you, or us, or me) – is paramount.

I know that people are traveling again. There are friends who have posted beautiful photos on Facebook and other social media about Hawai'i and where they went and why. It's about what we all do and why. It's about each other and the earth – the land – aloha 'āina...

Eat yummy food (without too much meat...for the sake of the earth, right?!) Enjoy the good weather.

Conserve and Create.

Stay safe and healthy! Namo Amida Butsu

~Aloha ~

Kathy

# Virtual Thinking Day

## By: Girl Scout Troop 60260

In February, our 8th grade Girl Scout Troop 60260 hosted a virtual Thinking Day. Thinking Day is an event that celebrates global sisterhood. The theme of the event was Peacebuilding, so we chose six different topics that we thought were important (Spreading Peace Through Travel, Finding Peace Within Yourself, Japanese Incarceration Camps, Black

Lives Matter, LGBTQ+, and Muslims in America). On this special day, we brought awareness to global problems and learned to respect other countries and cultures from all over the world.

All the girls worked very hard, working for several weeks, making Google slides, filming videos, and preparing arts and crafts. In our online meetings, we discussed everything from the activities to presentations. We even had some guest speakers who educated us on the various topics and helped us by making videos for our projects.

For each participant, we made activity kits that had everything needed to complete all the projects. Each group also added a little extra thing that went along with their topic. Before the event, we passed out all the kits to the different Troops.

The event was held online due to the pandemic. Because it was a virtual event, each Troop was allowed to view the various videos and projects when it was convenient for their Troop. During the presentations, girls painted rocks, colored flags, and made bookmarks.

In the end, the event was a success. We received great feedback, and we had a fun time putting it all together and learning about all the different topics.

# Girl Scout Silver Award Project: Japanese American Incarceration Camp Minecraft Video

### By Kaylee Nishita & Jacqueline Aochi

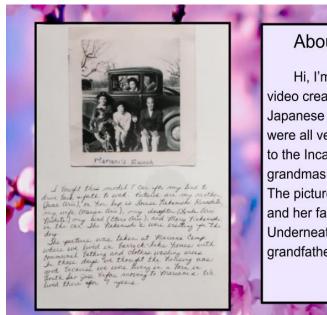
With the recent increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans, it is extremely important to understand our nation's history of racism. Part of this history includes Japanese American Incarceration Camps. Our grandparents were incarcerated for three years of their childhoods during World War II, like many other Japanese American children at the time. Japanese American Incarceration Camp history is not always being taught in elementary schools or it is often limited to a paragraph in a history book.

Our Girl Scout Silver Award Project aims to introduce and educate elementary school students about Japanese American Incarceration Camp history so that this important part of American history is not forgotten.

We chose to make an educational Minecraft video, targeted to 3rd to 5th grade students, and provide additional teacher resources for the classroom.

Please check out our video: <u>Japanese American Incarceration Camp Video Tour</u>. You can also search for the video on YouTube by looking for: "Japanese American Incarceration Camp Video Tour (Minecraft)." We recommend turning on closed captions.

If you are an elementary school teacher, who would like to use our video in your classroom for free, please visit Teachers Pay Teachers and search Japanese American Incarceration Camps. We also created a Reflection Question Worksheet, Japanese American Incarceration Camp History Booklist, and a Japanese American Incarceration Camp History Teacher Fact Sheet.



### About the Video Creators

Hi, I'm Kaylee and I am one of the video creators. I am a fifth generation Japanese American. My grandparents were all very young when they were sent to the Incarceration Camps. One of my grandmas was even born inside the camp. The picture on the left is of my grandma and her family 7 years after World War II. Underneath is a letter that my great grandfather wrote describing the photo.



### About the Video Creators

Hi, I'm Jacqueline and I'm a 5th generation Japanese American. My grandparents spent 3 years of their childhood in Incarceration Camps in Utah and California during World War II. My grandmother, Janice, was 4 years old when the U.S. government ordered her to leave her home in San Jose. Janice's family was temporarily housed in horse stables at the Tanforan Race Tracks in San Bruno, CA, before being incarcerated at the Topaz, UT Incarceration Camp. Here is a picture of my grandma (on the right) and her family outside of their barracks in Topaz.



Thank You,

Kaylee & Jacqueline 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop #60260



### 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 - Oigong 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
	Apr 9, 2021 09:30 AM	May 10, 2021 09:30 AM
	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
	Apr 19, 2021 09:30 AM	May 19, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 21, 2021 09:30 AM	May 21, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 23, 2021 09:30 AM	May 24, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 26, 2021 09:30 AM	May 26, 2021 09:30 AM
	Apr 28, 2021 09:30 AM	May 28, 2021 09:30 AM

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

Apr 30, 2021 09:30 AM

Weekly: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZltf-60pjgsHNAStJjJpByFkTYZsx5EQQ\_n/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurjMtGtyWth-DRpwAAoqgKPTxiHZdgo18rwvPCQpDQBrQPdZ7CKFnRf3h">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZltf-60pjgsHNAStJjJpByFkTYZsx5EQQ\_n/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurjMtGtyWth-DRpwAAoqgKPTxiHZdgo18rwvPCQpDQBrQPdZ7CKFnRf3h</a>

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86087083664?pwd=b0RuU3F0ZEk1M3BqaUNkWkVxMFVGZz09

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The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.

March 22, 2021 to April 27, 2021

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In Memory of Stephen Fukuchi

The Family of Stephen Fukuchi (Joyce, Sachi, Scott, Jennifer, Kyle and Molly)

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# Generations Capital Campaign

Donations Received: January 27, 2021 to April 27, 2021

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### In Honor of Mrs. Yumiko Hojo's 100th Birthday

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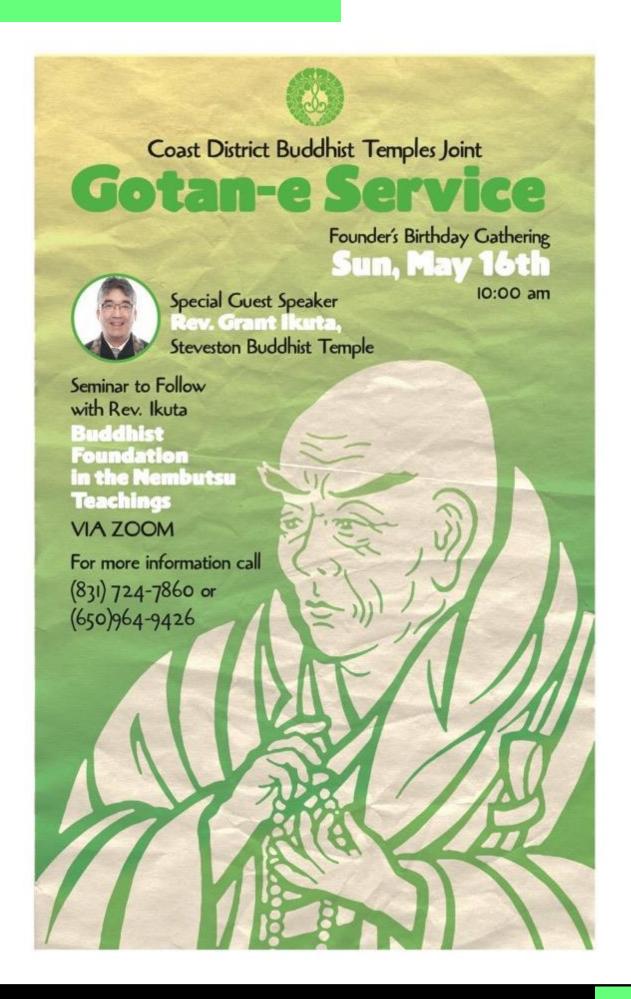
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2021 San Jose Betsuin

Generations Capital Campaign Benefit Raffle

\$4,000 Cash Prize & Ten Other Prizes of \$100 each

Limited to only 800 tickets

Drawing will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021

Donation: \$20.00

Please submit by Monday, May 17, 2021

> Please mail and make check payable to: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose, CA 95112

If you have any questions, please contact the Betsuin Office: (408) 293-9292

# 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: **ENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 195.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Individual \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 370.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Husband/Wife \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 145.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ □ Student (25 and younger) □ Dinner Only Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 45.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_X \$ 20.00 \$\_\_\_ □ Special Raffle Tickets 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

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<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.

# San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin's



Generation Pickers is a different kind of fundraiser. We take in-kind donations of items that we will sell on Ebay or other online marketplaces. Monies generated will help fund the new **San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Education and Activity Building**. It's a great way to turn unused stuff into a facility that will last for years to come. Here are some examples of items we're looking for:

Tech Items: Apple Iphone 7s or later, Samsung Galaxy S8 or newer, GoPro, Ipads, etc.

**Cameras:** High-quality film and digital cameras like Nikon, Canon, Leica, Hasselblad, etc. Also lenses and accessories for these cameras

**Audio/stereo equipment -** High end names like Marantz, Phase Linear, MacIntosh, AR, SAE, Scott, B&O, tube equipment and more

Collectibles & Vintage items - Too many to list. Contact us for help in determining value

**Vintage Technology** - Computers from the 70s and 80s, 1st Generation Iphones, vintage video games, HP calculators, vintage Apple Computer, etc.

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

**Jewelry** - High quality, vintage, collectible, designer, precious metals, gemstones, pearls

Watches - High-end or vintage

**Fashion accessories -** Vintage or designer handbags, coats, wallets, designer sunglasses, etc. Designer names such as Gucci, H&M, Coach, Chanel, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Polo, etc.

Collectible shoes - Unused to excellent condition. Sneakerheads clean out your closets!

**Professional Tools** - Engineering, scientific, construction, technical, manufacturing, testing equipment.

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

Vintage Fishing gear - Pfluger, Penn, Bamboo fly rods, Ambassadeur Abu Garcia, Fly fishing gear .

We prefer items with an approximate value of \$100 or more and that are easily shippable. But please contact us with questions regarding any items you feel might benefit this program. We're always looking for those hidden gems!

Contact us at sibcb.ebay@gmail.com or call Mike at (408) 316-4903 for more information

# 2021 BYR: VIRTUAL SUM M ER PROGRAM

For High School Age Youth

July 12 - 16, 2021 7pm - 10pm (PST)



Attend online sessions with BCA Ministers and Instructors Make new lifelong friends Learn about Buddhism Register early space is limited

# \$30 REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 14, 2021

https://bit.ly/3ckC9r7

questions: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

# 2021 BCA YOUTH RETREAT EVENTS

APR 24: MIDDLE SCHOOL SESSION JUL 12-16: BYR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER RETREAT

NOV 6: BYR & FRIENDS REUNION EVENT REG INFO
WILL BE
EMAILED TO
YOUR
TEMPLES



Questions please email: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

# **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)

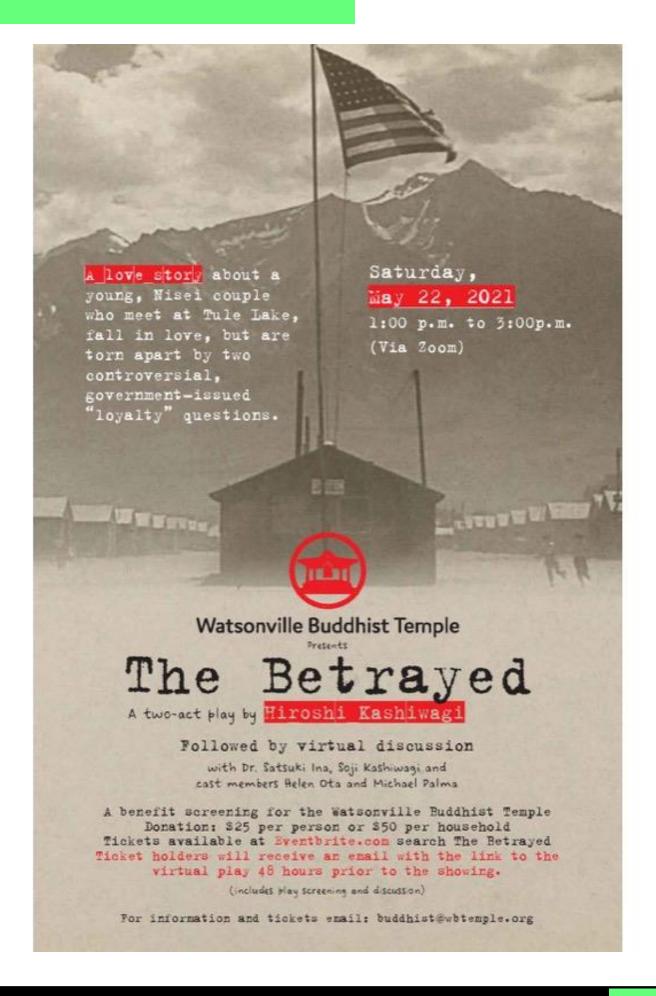
Tickets available at Eventbrite.com: Search "The Betrayed"

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.



# CELEBRATING NIKKEI MATSURI •







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

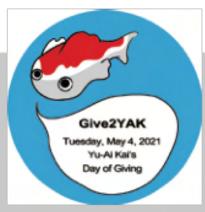
Nikkei Matsuri's 43rd festival is going virtual for 2021! Join us virtually to watch performances and shop with artisans as we perpetuate the Japanese American experiences, cultural customs, and traditions.



# Visit nikkeimatsuri.org

Facebook / Instagram / Twitter @sjnikkeimatsuri

Artwork by Naomi Takata Shepherd



# **Give2YAK**Annual Day-of-Giving Tuesday, May 4, 2021



with

# **Dollar-For-Dollar Matching!**

This annual **Day-of-Giving** event is Yu-Ai Kai's largest fundraiser. Supporting all Yu-Ai Kai programs and services, it is critical to the foundation of the organization that was started over 47 years ago. Nutrition, physical and mental activities, socialization and essential workshops are just a few examples of the important work done at Yu-Ai Kai.

The distinguishing feature of the Give2YAK fundraiser is the dollar-for-dollar match provided by our Sponsors who have generously promised \$100,000 in matching funds! This is an incredible opportunity to double the effectiveness of your donations. And YES, all donations to Give2YAK, before and after May 4, 2021, are eligible for the matching funds.

While we will miss the in-person visits this year, we are grateful for your consideration to support this year's Give2YAK.

# **Ways to Donate**

Online at: charity.gofundme.com/2021Give2YAK

By mail: Use the form below and submit check by mail or drop-off

By phone: (408) 294-2505 for offline credit card donations

YES, I would like	to support GIVE 2YAK and double my dona	tion through the Matching Fund	ds program!	
Name:				
		Phone:		
maining address.	Street	City	ZIP	
Amount: \$				
Donations (name and amount) will be posted to the GoFundMe site; check the boxes for your listing preference:				
I	I would like to give anonymously	Do not show donation amou	unt	

Mail or deliver this form with a check, payable to 'Yu-Ai Kai', to:

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

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For more information, contact Debbie Saito at Yu-Ai Kai: (408) 294-2505 ext. 26 or dsaito@yuaikai.org



# A YU-AI KAI LECTURE SERIES VIRTUAL EVENT

# WHERE'S THE OKAZU??



In Japanese meals, **OKAZU** is a side dish to accompany rice, and is typically made from vegetables and/or meat.



Date:
MAY 23, 2021
Sunday
Time:
1:00-2:00 pm

Join us as we "talk story" about the early farming days in San Jose, and what home-grown vegetables were typical OKAZU dishes.

Then, through the magic of ZOOM, you will be transported to the kitchens of Yu-Ai Kai volunteers who will share their favorite OKAZU recipes and more...

Registration opens on April 17 at <a href="yuaikai-okazu.eventbrite.com">yuaikai-okazu.eventbrite.com</a> or <a href="call the Yu-Ai Kai office at 408-294-2505">call the Yu-Ai Kai office at 408-294-2505</a> to reserve your spot today!

This event is free, but we are encouraging our participants to support Yu-Ai Kai's services and programs with a suggested donation of \$10.

Yu-Ai Kai: https://yuaikai.org/donate/



# 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

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### 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

### **Upcoming Services**

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

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

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Memorial Day Service at Mt. Hope and Gavilan Cemetery

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Virtual Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Memorial Park

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>Service</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Year
3 <sup>rd</sup> annual
7 <sup>th</sup> annual
13 <sup>th</sup> annual
17 <sup>th</sup> annual
25 <sup>th</sup> annual
33 <sup>rd</sup> annual
50 <sup>th</sup> annual
100 <sup>th</sup> annual