



# the Dharma

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## Betsuin Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – BCA Founding Day/Late Bishop's Memorial – VIRTUAL



## We're Moving to .ORG!

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin's website is making the move from .com to .org to better represent the Betsuin's non-profit online presence. The website address will be [www.sjbetsuin.org](http://www.sjbetsuin.org) beginning Aug 1, 2021.

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# Ohigan

by: Gerald Sakamoto

September and March are the months during which we observe Ohigan. Higan is the other shore opposite from where we are in shigan, this shore. Ohigan is a time when we think about the relationship of higan and shigan and how we might move from this shore to the other shore.

Ohigan is a Buddhist activity unique to Japan. Emperor Shomu (701 - 756) is thought to have started this practice. Shomu was a very Buddhist emperor. This may not seem odd unless we consider that Shomu was, as were all Japanese emperors, a Shinto deity. But even with emperors before him, Buddhism had an important influence. From the time of Prince Shotoku (574 - 622), Buddhism was a part of the imperial household. Shomu built the kokubunji system where a temple and nunnery was built in each of 60 provinces. These temples were directly connected to and governed by Todaiji in Nara. It was in Nara that Shomu built the great Daibutsu that is housed in Todaiji. The construction of Todaiji was so costly that the project nearly bankrupted Japan. When it was completed an opening ceremony was held that brought representatives from China and India. The Todaiji that we know today is actually smaller than the original that was destroyed in war and rebuilt. With this relationship of Shomu to Buddhism it is plausible that he established Ohigan.

Ohigan was observed over a seven day period. At both the spring and fall equinox for three days before the equinox and three days after the equinox consideration was given to our life here in shigan and how we might reach higan. The Six Paramita was the prescribed means. Even today, as it was in the time of Shomu, the practice of the Six Paramita is the focus at Ohigan. Some traditions observe Ten Paramita; Dana (generosity), Sila (discipline), Ksanti (patience), Virya (effort), Dhyana (concentration), Prajna (wisdom), Upaya (skillful means), Pranidhana (aspiration), Bala (spiritual power) and Jnana (knowledge). We observe the first six.

In Jodo Shinshu to observe the Six Paramita makes no sense. It's somewhat like how we think about the Eightfold Path. Both of these practices are means with which we move from unenlightenment (shigan, samsara) to enlightenment (higan, nirvana). These are activities we engage in to modify behavior with the intent of cultivating the mind free from prejudices. We should all try to do this. But by holding up the practice of the Six Paramita and the Eightfold Path as examples of good behavior we begin to cultivate a mind that prefers one thing to another. An example might be, when I think about Dana, am I being generous or am I not being generous. The path itself generates the idea of beginning and end, is and is not, on and off. I'm not trying to be philosophically complex but a practice, any practice, implies a beginning state and an end state, where you start and where you want to be. This causes preferences, where I am and where I want to be. When there are preferences there is opportunity for prejudices. Prejudices can result in difficulties.

If we practice the Six Paramita and the Eightfold Path in Jodo Shinshu it might be to help me recognize and acknowledge my inability to perfect these practices. But most importantly that even if I am absolutely incapable of following these practices I am still assured of Ohigan by Amida Buddha. I am changed from weighting my success and failures to expressing gratitude for all that I experience.

# Prince Shotoku and his wishes

by: Etsuko Mikame

This year, 2021 is the special year to commemorate the 1,400th anniversary of Prince Shotoku's death. Prince Shotoku is considered as one of the most important patriarchs in our Jodo Shinshu tradition. So, we enshrine his image inside of our *Naijin* to pay respect to his efforts which were given to spread Buddhism in Japan.

Although we might not have seen someone who is 1,400 years old, have you ever seen a 1,400 year-old building? I have! It's *Horyu-ji* temple in Nara, Japan. *Horyu-ji* temple is considered the oldest wooden structure in the world. I have visited there and seen the building on my school trip when I was still a teenager.

"Wow! Is that really what ancient people could do? How could this have been possible?" These were my reactions when I saw the building of the *Horyu-ji* temple.

The most important thing to make the durable, long-wearing buildings like *Horyu-ji* temple is to choose the woods which are big, stiff and 2000 years old so that it can maintain its great quality for another 2000 years, even after it's cut down. So, I heard that special trained carpenter, *Miyadaiku* takes a look at the condition of the soils and sometimes eats some soils to see if it is good or bad tree. Also, they always check if the trees have as long and thick roots as its height so that the woods can withstand the wind and snow. Moreover, in terms of shapes of wood, they have different shapes but don't have the exact same shapes just like we are different with each other. Some are straight, but others are out of straight and curved. So, the special trained carpenter, *Miyadaiku* combines the different shaped woods and uses them at the right place to the right use according to its uniqueness. I was very surprised to know that there had been many *Miyadaiku*'s experienced skills, special knowledge and efforts until *Horyu-ji* was built. But imagine, there was no dump cars, shovel cars, special tools at that time. I cannot believe that ancient people brought big trees by themselves without any special tool or machines which we have today.

Even today, people are not that ambitious to try to build something that could last for a thousand years. Today, we'd rather want to make things that will eventually fall apart, to create another business opportunity. But ancient people had a strong, and even desperate yearning for something seemingly impossible, possible. It is mind-boggling.

I believe that there are always wishes included in the buildings.

For example, school. Schools were built based on the people's wish for kids to enjoy studying new things and broaden one's possibility to the bright future.

Let's say, hospital. Hospitals were built based on the wish for healing the patients and keeping people healthy.

As for the Buddhist temples, I believe Prince Shotoku's wish built the temples. In his time, there were many political wars and continental turmoil all over Japan, people couldn't live peacefully in the state of turmoil. Prince Shotoku was the first person and politician who devoted himself to introduce the teaching of Buddhism from outside of Japan and integrate the country with the essence of Buddhism in Japan.

Prince Shotoku's intent, as prince Regent to his Aunt *Suiko* who succeeded her husband in 593 CE, was to convince the country that Buddhism was exactly what was needed to make people live happily. So, Prince Shotoku introduced the teaching of Buddhism which had still been considered as the foreign religion to Japan and tried to govern the country by respecting the Three Treasures: Buddha, teachings and Sangha.

Shotoku initiated the first two Buddhist temples to be built in Japan. One of them is *Horyu-ji* temple in Nara, which was built to contain many treasured artworks and artifacts, and he went on to build five more. Based on Shotoku's wish, he wanted to make temples the place to pay respect to Buddha, to share the teaching of Dharma, and to gather friends who appreciate the same teaching.

Prince Shotoku especially respected and wished to spread the spirit of the Three Treasures in Buddhism all over Japan and to share the happiness with people and he established many temples as the important people where people can

gather to hear the Buddhism and respect each other in accordance with the Three Treasures so that he believed that everyone could live happily and respect each other harmoniously. As for this temple, his wish went beyond the country and the difference of language and ethnicity, thanks to our ancestors who transferred from Japan wished to build this temple as an important place where everyone can gather and feel secure. Tracing back to the origins of temples, we can know that the Prince Shotoku's wish is also included in this temple and our sangha. This is amazing, isn't it?

### **ATTENTION SANGHA**

#### **A MODIFIED VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2020-2021**

Nominations are open for the Volunteer Recognition program 2020-2021. Please nominate someone you think is deserving of recognition for work done during the 2020-2021 years. Because of the Covid restrictions, there will NOT be an actual service and program to honor and celebrate these volunteers. We will have an article in the Dharma to acknowledge these volunteers so the Sangha will be made aware of all the unselfish work done on the Betsuin's behalf.

Please include honoree's full name, a few short sentences about what the individual did, and for whom was this work done. Include your name and position in the organization, phone # in case I need to clarify anything before we go to print. You may send it to the office with ATTENTION: Volunteer Recognition on your envelope or just send me an email: [terryoshi@yahoo.com](mailto:terryoshi@yahoo.com)

# Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

かんなづき  
神無月だより



\*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「皮肉」  
という言葉をご紹介します。

「皮肉」は骨や髄には達していない

遠回しの意地の悪い非難やあてこすり、  
嫌みを一般には「皮肉」と言います。

よく皮肉を言う人のことを、「皮肉屋」  
と言ったり、思い通りにいかない事に嘆い  
て「運命の皮肉」などという言葉もありま  
す。仏教では、身体はすべて、全人格、  
宗祖らの信念、思想、行為などのすべての  
ことを「皮肉骨髄」といいます。

中国の達磨大師というお坊さんが四人の  
弟子と交わした会話が元になっている言葉  
だそうです。ある日、達磨大師は弟子たち  
に質問をしました。するとそれぞれの答え  
を言ってきました。そして、達磨大師はそ  
れぞれに向かって、「お前はわしの皮を得  
ている」「肉を得ている」「骨を得てい

る」「髓を得ている」と、弟子たち理解を  
評価して、一番深い答えを言った弟子に法  
を伝えたという話があります。

骨や髄は「要点」や「心の底」のたとえ  
で、本質の理解を意味しており、皮や肉  
は、骨や髄に比べ表面にあることから、  
「本質を理解していない」といった非難の  
言葉を指しています。そのようなところか  
ら、相手の骨髄まで届かないが、表面だけ  
をチクリと刺す非難が「皮肉」と呼ばれる  
ようになったのでしょう。しかし、たまに  
結構骨身にしみることもあります...

阿弥陀様は、私の理解が浅かろうと深か  
ろうと関係なく、等しく智慧と慈悲のはた  
らきを届け、この命を真実に導いてくだ  
さっています。そのはたらきに少しずつお  
育ていただく人の人生は、仏様のお悟りの  
功德がどこまでもいつまでも満ち満ちて  
います。

合掌 三瓶 悦子拝





# President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

Alpha...beta...delta...mu.... Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would need to remember all those names and symbols. I thought I was through with the Greek alphabet when I finished school! I guess not. It's amazing how much the Coronavirus has and continues to mutate. But wait....did we skip some letters? Or did I just forget the order of letters? Nope. Did a quick search (admittedly only on Wikipedia) and discovered that there are a whole bunch of other variants including gamma, eta, lambda and others that were just not as serious as the more well publicized ones that we all have become too familiar with.

Because of the delta (and now mu) variant, our facilities remain closed for large indoor functions. We are very fortunate that our Dharma School and Japanese Language School teachers are so flexible that they can continue to hold virtual classes so as not to unnecessarily expose the kids. We are allowing some small funerals and memorial services in the Hondo (less than 100 people) so that is a step in the right direction. Of course, there are no otokis. We have also had some other gatherings outdoors here at the Betsuin. The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Jr. YBA have had outdoor meetings/gatherings. Other organizations are also beginning to think of new outdoor events. Even if this is a small step, it is exciting to see the beginnings of activity at the church once again.

There are still many activities that must be held virtually. On October 24, 2021 from 10am to 1pm, the Watsonville Buddhist Temple will be hosting this year's Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference. The guest speaker will be Rev. Harry Bridge from the Oakland Buddhist Temple. Please register and join us for this virtual event. Registration is due by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. See additional information later in this Dharma and on our website.

We hope that everyone has already renewed their 2021 membership pledge. If you have forgotten, please take this opportunity to renew and remember that you can always renew online. We will soon begin the 2022 membership drive in November of this year. For the 2022 year, we will be making some modifications to our renewal process. These changes will provide you more flexibility in how you can renew your membership and will be similar to many other common online payment options.

So, continue to do your part to help get this pandemic under control. Remember that we must continue to protect both ourselves and others. Until we can beat back this pandemic, the virus will continue to mutate and we will get additional reminders of the Greek alphabet. I really don't want to get to those letters that I have never heard before.

In Gassho,

Steve

# COVID-19 Update

by: Randy Suzuki



Rinban Gerald Sakamoto  
Rev. Etsuko Mikame

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## COVID-19 Update

### Betsuin Facilities to Remain Closed

September 16, 2021

The Re-Opening Committee met September 15th and has decided that the Betsuin facilities will still remain closed for the time being. The temple and office will continue to remain open to accommodate limited attendance at weddings, memorials, and funerals.

We made this decision “out of an abundance of caution”. With the rapidly escalating situation with the Delta variant of COVID-19, we felt that we could not in good conscience permit a situation where the virus could spread unnecessarily. This is especially true because of the ease that the new variant can spread through vaccinated people plus the fact that kids under the age of 12 years can’t get vaccinated at this time.

Although religion plays an important part in our lives, the core teachings and functions of the Betsuin are different from other essential services. The safety of everyone is essential to who we are as Buddhists and meeting virtually doesn't change who we are.

Keep in mind that this is a fluid situation with changes from the CDC and the Santa Clara Health Department occurring seemingly weekly. We hope that this is a short-lived situation. We'll continue to meet monthly to review our current position.

In Gassho,

Re-Opening Committee:

Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

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COAST DISTRICT NEMBUTSU VIRTUAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

# KANSHA

GRATITUDE

OCTOBER 24, 2021 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

(Recommend login early between 9:15am-9:45am)

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. HARRY BRIDGE

OAKLAND BUDDHIST TEMPLE

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

Registration: \$20 (adults) | \$10 (students age 12-18) Free (under 12 yrs).

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2021

For any questions, email [buddhist@wbtemple.org](mailto:buddhist@wbtemple.org) | Phone 831-724-7860





## COAST DISTRICT VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU FAMILY CONFERENCE

### "KANSHA (Gratitude)"

Sunday, October 24, 2021 Watsonville Buddhist Temple

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

(A zoom link will be emailed to all attendees prior to the conference)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge from Oakland Buddhist Temple

**Reg. fee:**    **Adults    \$20    Family rate    \$50**  
                 **Students \$ 10    (age 12 – 18)**  
                 **Children (Under 12) Free**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese/English \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:    ☐ Adult    ☐ BWA    ☐ YBA    ☐ Dharma School

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Contact #: Area Code (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if 18 <): \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: October 10, 2021**

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form with check payable to:**

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# Organization Spotlight: Junior YBA: Building futures for the members and the temple

by: Dennis Akizuki

For generations, the Betsuin's youth organization has provided opportunities for its members to develop leadership skills, connect with other young Buddhists and learn about their religion.

The San Jose Junior Young Buddhist Association was founded in 1946 and continues to be a group that helps its members, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, not only have fun but to give back to their community. Some of the members are the great-grandchildren of the members from the early days of the organization.

In recent years the Betsuin's Jr. YBA has grown to about 90 members and a dozen adult advisers, making it one of the largest, if not the largest chapter among the Buddhist Churches of America. This is an encouraging sign for the temple's future.

"One thing I enjoy and appreciate greatly about Jr. YBA is being able to work with and be around such friendly and encouraging people," said Kendall Alicaya, one of the three 2021-2022 Co-Presidents. "The group of advisors, kids, and other family members that I interact with through YBA foster a safe environment where I feel encouraged to try new things."

The group gets together several times a month for general meetings, conferences and social events. These include an annual volleyball tournament with other chapters; bake sales and spaghetti dinner fundraisers; a regional Jr. YBA conference in Fresno; helping out at Obon, major services and the Nikkei Matsuri; and a trip to Southern California theme parks.

"My favorite part of Jr. YBA is getting to participate in fun activities with my friends and building new friendships with other chapters at conferences," said Alison Aochi, another of the Co-Presidents.

The Betsuin looks to this group of energetic, thoughtful and dedicated young people to become future leaders of the temple, community and beyond.

"I really like the fact that I can spend time with my close friends while also giving back to the Japanese community," said Emily Nakashima, the third Co-President. "I enjoy being able to create new and meaningful relationships with others as well. I joined Jr. YBA because I thought it would give me an opportunity to improve my leadership and communication skills. I also joined because of the social aspects there are."

# Organization Spotlight:

## Jr. YBA





# Buddhist Women's Association

by: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Cochair, sent well wishes to 3 people this past month.

BWA would like to thank the Dharma for spotlighting our organization in the September Dharma and thank Dennis Akizuki for his nice informative article about BWA – past and present. After reading the article, if you find yourself wanting to become a BWA member and participate in the activities and fellowship with the other members, please contact Diane Fujioka.

Just a reminder about the 2021 CD Nembutsu Family Conference held via Zoom on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM with guest speaker Reverend Harry Gyokyo Bridge of the Oakland Buddhist Temple. As part of the conference, there will be a 1-hour breakout workshop for Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) members, "Buddhist Women in Leadership Roles". The panel members are Reverend Naomi Seijo Nakano of the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Church and Guadalupe Buddhist Church; Reverend Etsuko Mikame of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin; Janice Doi, retired prosecutor and soon to be FBWA President in 2023 and 2024; Ellen Kamei, Mayor of the City of Mountain View and an External and Legislative Affairs Manager for AT&T in Northern California; and Bryce Cape, an Electrical Design Engineer in San Luis Obispo. With all the leadership experience of the panel members, this should be a very interesting and educational workshop. If you have questions for the panel members, please send them to the moderator, Sumi Tanabe at [atanabe@hotmail.com](mailto:atanabe@hotmail.com). Questions may also be asked in the Chat Room on October 24. The registration fee for the conference is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 12 – 18 and the deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

BWA would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the following people for their very generous donation to the organization:

Michiko Itatani and Georgia Sakai for general donations.

## EcoSangha: EcoTip

By: Reiko Iwanaga

### **Are your disinfectants safe as you spray to protect against the coronavirus?**

Disinfectants are being used more often and in many more places due to concerns about the coronavirus. As wise as this practice is, we should remember that most disinfectants are pesticides. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program has identified disinfectant products that meet strict health and safety criteria.

By choosing safer disinfectant products, it is possible to both reduce virus contamination and lower exposure to hazardous chemicals. The Center for Environmental Health recommends products that meet the EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) criteria in addition to being effective against the coronavirus: CleanCide, Purell Disinfectant and Sanitizers, Lysol® Cleaner with Hydrogen Peroxide: Citrus Sparkle Zest. In addition, 70% alcohol is an effective and least-toxic disinfectant. Visit the Center for Environmental Health's website, [www.ceh.org](http://www.ceh.org) for more information.



# Jr. YBA

by: Cassidy Yoneda

We started off the new year with a Cabinet Member Kickoff Picnic at a park. We participated in leadership workshops and planned for the upcoming events that we will hopefully be able to do this year. We ate, played games and pelted our advisers with water-soaked balls!

We are excited to welcome all of the new members who will be joining us soon!



## Cub Scout Pack 611

by: Wes Tao

Greetings from Pack 611! We launched another new year of Cub scouting in September with our Dens meeting both outdoors and virtually. The kids were very excited to see each other, as for some this marked the first time since the beginning of the pandemic that they were able to meet in-person. We continue to face challenges this year as well. Until it is safe to meet indoors, we anticipate a mixture of outdoor and virtual meetings and activities.

Our annual Popcorn fundraising drive is happening now! Popcorn sales help to support pack activities, such as Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Dinner, Scout Olympics, etc. Once again we are offering LOCAL-ONLINE orders of Popcorn with **FREE drop-off delivery** courtesy of the Cub Scouts. If you would like to place an order, please click on the following link. <https://bit.ly/37UOiAh> We appreciate your support!

Interested in Cub Scouting? It's not too late to join. We are currently accepting youth K - 5th grade. If you would like to learn more about Pack 611, please contact [pack611@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:pack611@sjbetsuin.org)

# Arigatou Gozaimasu & Congratulations from Lotus Preschool!

by: Lynne Yamaichi

Lotus Preschool has been the fortunate recipient of Girl Scout Award projects!

Long overdue but ever so appreciated is the Silver Award project of Mika Ando, Emily Nakashima and Summer Yokota. In 2018 these 3 young scouts re-finished 2 outdoor awnings. (The awnings were the Eagle Scout project of 2 Betsuin Troop 611 Scouts – and put into place when Lotus opened in July 1986!)

Communication, planning, purchasing, time management, then executing the project was well done. There were a lot of boards to remove, purchasing wood and cutting, sanding, staining, and putting the new boards back on top. They worked at one of their homes to prepare the wood then worked several weekends to complete the project. I admired the Girl Scouts as they worked because not only did they work hard, work well together, but were having fun too! Their parents were very supportive and great at guiding the scouts if needed yet allowing them to do their project as they saw fit. The awnings looked professional!

Lotus children and staff enjoy the awnings daily and the shade provides a cool area for projects, playing, or eating! Thank you for thinking of Lotus!

Congratulation Summer, Emily and Mika for attaining your Girl Scout Silver Award!

Long overdue - my apologies - wishing you a fun senior year in Scouting and in High School!



Emily, Mika and Summer working  
and having fun!



We are grateful for our shade!



In March of 2021, Sara Chavez completed her Girl Scout Bronze Award project. After discussing the needs of Lotus, Sara decided to refurbish 2 wooden toy shelves. Shelves are used outdoors to store our blocks, cars, trucks, motorcycles, emergency service vehicles and other toys.

Sara did a lot of sanding on the weather-beaten shelves. She chose the color to paint and brought them back to life! Sara was lucky to have her grandpa advise her. Sara completed the shelves and delivered them in March 2021 when Lotus was closed to children and teaching virtually. When the children returned on June 1<sup>st</sup>, they were amazed at their new toy shelves! Thank you, Sara, for choosing Lotus to be the recipient of your Bronze Award project. It was nice that you thought of Lotus since your brother attended.

Congratulations Sara on achieving your Girl Scout Bronze Award!



Sara's work is amazing!



We love our purple toy shelves!

## Sangha Crafters

by: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

Happy Fall, the Crafters had their first gathering on Sept 3, 50+ blankets were collected. There were scarves, adult caps, child and baby caps. All beautifully done. There were fleece blankets, crocheted and quilted blankets. Appreciate the work during the summer months. Crafters will gather on 1st Friday of the month in the parking lot till the offices open. The exchanges go smoothly only thing is we do not have access to the yarn. A decision will be made after the Temple opens as to when gatherings will occur. Thanks for all you do and the flexibility.

Next gathering: October 1, Friday at 11AM. Any questions, comments, ideas or suggestions: [bettyjc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettyjc@sbcglobal.net) or [GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com](mailto:GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com)

# Girl Scout Troop 61334

by: Mitoshi Fujio-White

Girl Scout Troop 61334 held it's first hybrid meeting of the 2021-2022 year. The girls learned to let go, by painting their feelings with their eyes closed while listening to different songs. They also earned a first aid badge by practicing how to make a 911 call and discussing what goes into a first aid kit. Figuring out the logistics of a hybrid in-person and online meeting was interesting for the leaders, but the important thing is that everyone was able to participate and all of the girls had a great time!





# Generation Pickers

by: Mike Mori

September has been a busy month. All signs point to a record month of sales. Popular items this month are Jewelry items. 14K gold jewelry and name brands (Tiffany, Mikimoto, NaHoku). As always, “guy stuff” and tech items always do well.

As we approach the Christmas holidays demand for items jumps. So this is the perfect time for your donation to count. What’s lurking in your closet? These items are hot right now: Older Sony portable electronics. Walkman’s, Discmans, DAT, portable multiband radios, devices with unusual designs. Even 1980s vintage cassette tape boomboxes from Sony, Panasonic and Sanyo are fetching big \$\$.

Here’s some examples of what’s been sold or donated in the last few months. Silver Jewelry from Tiffany, Sony PS1 with games, commercial microscope, Ham Radio equipment, Hewlett Packard test equipment, brand new SAS shoes, gold rings and necklaces, MIDI audio equipment, Apple Mac and portable Apple devices, and many more.

Generation Pickers will sell almost anything with a value of over \$100. The best items for this program should be in good condition and easily shippable. New factory wrapped items are especially in demand. 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. Please call/text Mike Mori at (408) 316-4903 or email at [gophervalley@gmail.com](mailto:gophervalley@gmail.com). All monies raised by selling your items go directly to Phase II of the Betsuin’s Generation campaign to replace our aging Education Building.



# 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~

From the sublime (Namo Amida Butsu, ho‘ohannohano) to the ridiculous.

Have you ever found yourself talking to ants? We, as have many other households this year, have had invasions of ants, swarming the tiniest bit of tuna (I mean literally less than 1mm by .5mm in length and width) that stuck to a bit of cabbage leaf in the compost bin on the kitchen sink. That means to me that the ants are also having a difficult time of it out there in the ‘wild’ trying to survive. Times, indeed, are hard.

In our household, we use diatomaceous earth to plug up the gaps in whatever line the ants are coming from, and form lines of the food grade powder across the paths they are taking, or we use chalk to draw lines (BTW did you know that most if not all chalk now is powderless???) We do have some gooey poisonous liquid ant traps that are used, especially when Rinban has had ‘enough!’ – Namo Amida Butsu. I’ve applied diatomaceous earth to our entire backyard in past decades to control various bug related issues. It’s worked well. But this year, we may use up the entire bag and not have conquered the issue or solved the problem.

When those little explorer ants meet up and wave their antennae at each other, I feel terrible because I know that I am out to eradicate them from our kitchen counter. I tell them to tell their leadership to try a different direction. Obviously, they will lose if they keep coming inside the kitchen. I know that the problem is not them, but us. We humans are interfering with their livelihood. My thoughts ran to the title of a novel/novella that I have yet to write: “A Buddhist Allegory; an Orwellian tale of Life, Hardship, Struggle against the Powers that Be and Reconciliation” (yes – it’s me and the ants).

I’ve eaten tsukudani locusts and tsukudani bees in Japan. And I’ve had chocolate covered ants too. But these little guys invading our kitchen are just out to do their jobs, to get their own reward and assist in the survival of their colony. It is said that only ants and humans make war. My internet search came up with an article from Smithsonian Magazine, <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/when-it-comes-waging-war-ants-humans-have-lot-common-180972169/>, by Mark W. Moffett, Undark Magazine, smithsonianmag.com, May 14, 2019, which stated at it’s end: “Rather than hiding behind stones like Ecuadorian ants, people can also choose to develop alliances among societies of their kind, something ants find impossible. It’s in the pursuit of peace that the brainpower of humans shows our species at its most impressive.”

How about that. Aloha no~

*‘A 'ohe lana nui ke alu 'ia*

Mālama Honua Namo Amida Butsu

Kathy

# Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

Saturday Qigong Zoom Classes Added!  
October & November, 2021

\* Note change to PayPal payments

Masanori Naito, because of Delta variant concerns during the winter months, has chosen to continue Qigong via Zoom until March, 2022. Participants who have returned to in-person work have requested Saturday classes, so starting in October, Masa has added Saturday classes to his schedule! You can choose to take one class a week or up to 4 classes!

Classes are now offered Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays, from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. His fee is still \$5 per person, per class. You can pay through PayPal or with a check to his Union City address. Feel free to invite your family & friends to give Qigong a try!

PayPal - [Qigong Class](https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh) (<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8obqTn8gSh>) \*Starting November 8th, PayPal has made a change. It'll still be a PayPay payment, but you'll need to send it directly to Masa's account. [mnaito010@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:mnaito010@yahoo.co.jp) Check the PayPal link for updates.

For payments by check, please send to Masanori Naito:  
33721 10th St., Union City, CA. 94587

Questions about Qigong movements can be directed to Masa Naito, [kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net)  
Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano, [jmnakano@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmnakano@sbcglobal.net)

Topic: Qigong Class 10/01 - 11/30

Time: Oct 1, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, until Nov 29, 2021, 35 occurrence(s)

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

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEvfuurrzosGdbkrzLk4xaPt-fCaHEYm-Yb/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtrDloGdWUthqFRpwMAIr4a-nzmH5djadflw3\\_LysHegLGlg9EEbNXNeHd](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEvfuurrzosGdbkrzLk4xaPt-fCaHEYm-Yb/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtrDloGdWUthqFRpwMAIr4a-nzmH5djadflw3_LysHegLGlg9EEbNXNeHd)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85292311632?pwd=bnlnb2ZxVIMzOWcrQTI5ampwdFVqZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 9231 1632

Passcode: 731231

# Music Notes

**By: Elaine Jones**

Since the formation of the BCA Music Committee in September 2020, progress is moving forward to share Jodo Shinshu Buddhism through music in our temples, and also to explore, develop and enhance all aspects of music at our churches and temples. We thank Bishop Marvin Harada for his role in forming the BCA Music Committee, and to Kemi Nakabayashi of the Seattle Betsuin for serving as chairperson. The Music Committee is comprised of several subcommittees, such as Sutra, Service Music, Gagaku, New Gathas, Vocal Music, Music History, Bon Odori/Taiko/Public Music, Technical Support, and Copyright/Publications. From San Jose, Dennis Akizuki, Paul Endo, Reiko Iwanaga, myself, Mas Nishimura, Matt Ogawa, Sumi Tanabe and Michael Yoshihara are involved in various subcommittees. If you'd like to be part of the BCA Music Committee, just let me know. We are especially looking for young adults' and youth's viewpoints.

One of the subcommittees that I represent is the Service Music Committee. I hope you are enjoying the background music played at our Sunday services (performed by Brandee Livingston [keyboard] and Lizzie Jones and myself [violin and piano]), along with the gatha videos by the Betsuin Choir (produced by Aiko and Ben Yep). A special thank you to our ministers and technical staff who willingly incorporate these recordings into our services. One of the goals of this Service Music committee is to provide recordings for the proposed BCA Music Library, which will have recordings of gathas available to all BCA temples, especially those who do not have a musician on-site. So far, the choir has produced 5 videos, but let's go one step further with the gatha recordings: include all of you who may be interested in participating in providing an audio recording to potentially be available for services not only at our San Jose Betsuin but also to all BCA temples (through the BCA's proposed Music Library).

I would like to find singers and instrumentalists here at our Betsuin who are interested in participating in our gatha project. Are you someone that currently studies an instrument or sings, has experience writing music, would like to write lyrics, and/or would like to be a part of a future gatha recording? Are you someone who used to perform in high school, college, or after, that would like to participate? Interested? Follow the 5 easy steps below:

1. Email Elaine Jones at [musicdirector@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:musicdirector@sjbetsuin.org)
2. Put "Gatha Performer" in Subject Line
3. Leave your name
4. Include your cell phone number and/or email address
5. Are you a singer?
  - a. Vocal range (soprano/alto/tenor/bass)
  - b. Experience (solo, vocal ensemble?)
  - c. Years of singing?
6. Are you an instrumentalist?
  - a. What instrument?



- b. Experience (solo, vocal ensemble?)
- c. Years of playing?
- 7. Are you interested in writing music?
- 8. Are you interested in writing lyrics?
- 9. Are you over the age of 18?
- 10. Questions?

This is an opportunity to participate in a unique experience, especially during this time of COVID. I hope to hear from you!

Also, while surfing on the web, have you ever explored the Buddhist Churches of America website? Here's the link: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>. There is a "Chanting & Music" page (currently under the "News & Media" header) with some interesting information, along with recordings of selected gathas. Three gatha recordings (Ondokusan I, Ondokusan II, and Shinshu Shuka) are on the Music/Chanting webpage, along with two or three gathas that rotate out each month, with respect to BCA 'happenings' or Buddhist holidays. You can also email the BCA Music Coordinator, Kemi Nakabayashi, with any concerns or comments you may have. Please check out the BCA Chanting & Music page the next time you find yourself wanting a new discovery online!

Until next time, enjoy the music, and be safe!

## Min'na no Mura - A Village for Everyone

By: Elaine Jones

If you missed our September Dharma article, we'd like to reacquaint you with a Betsuin organization, "Min'na no Mura, Village for Everyone," which is here to support the LGBTQ + community. You may or may not know someone in your life in this population, but being aware of conflicts and difficulties that are experienced may help with being supportive and understanding. With that in mind, we'd like to invite you to our October 16 event, "Coming Out, Coming Home."

On Saturday October 16 from 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., "Coming Out, Coming Home" will be the second event to be presented by Min'na no Mura of the Betsuin, but this time over Zoom. The event will begin with viewing of the video, "Coming Out, Coming Home," which focuses on four 60+ year-old LGBTQ+ individuals' coming out stories and their experiences as Nikkei. After viewing the video, we will have a discussion about what the speakers experienced. The Zoom link and attachments will be sent via email to those who register by October 12 for this free event. Hope to see you there — be part of the dialogue! We are fortunate that Marsha Aizumi of Okaeri-LA and Gabrielle Antonovich of the Billy DeFrank Community Center will be at the event to support us. Hope to see you there!

On another note, Okaeri, a Nikkei LGBTQ community, is holding their bi-annual conference virtually on the weekend of November 12-14. Michael, Julie and I attended their last 'in-person' conference in 2018. It proved to be an informative, inclusive, and safe place for all. Since this year's conference is virtual, you don't have to travel to L.A., but can be in the comfort of your own home to attend! There will be something for everyone: guest speakers, workshop sessions, meet-ups for all, and also a special guest speaker and performer, Gia Gunn. You can view a trailer for the conference at this link: [https://youtu.be/a4a\\_e621Ufc](https://youtu.be/a4a_e621Ufc) Registration for the conference is: <https://pheedloop.com/okaeri/site/home/>

Please see the flyers in this Dharma issue. If you have any questions about "Coming Out, Coming Home" or the Okaeri Conference, contact Elaine Jones at: [minnanomura@icloud.com](mailto:minnanomura@icloud.com).

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## DHARMA SCHOOL



**San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Dharma School** is open for registration and we welcome all of you!

If you and your child(ren) are interested in joining the temple community to learn about Buddhism along with your and their peers, consider attending Dharma School Family Services and Dharma School Classes for school-aged kids.

**First day of Family Service and Classes are on Sunday September 12, 2021.** Services are Sundays 9:30am-10am and classes are 10:10am-11am. See the church calendar or hear announcements for special services and events.

We are starting the year with virtual classes to ensure the safety of the students, families, teachers and ministers.

Registration form link:



Fill out the registration form and email to our Superintendent, Steve Sorakubo at: [ds-superintendent@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:ds-superintendent@sjbetsuin.org)

If you prefer to mail in a hard copy, please send or deliver to the church office at **SJBCB Dharma School, 640 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112**

Questions? Feel free to email the Superintendent, Steve Sorakubo at

[ds-superintendent@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:ds-superintendent@sjbetsuin.org) or

the Dharma School Parent Organization Chair, Mae Kawamoto at [dspo@sjbetsuin.org](mailto:dspo@sjbetsuin.org)

Read more about Dharma School at the SJBCB

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# Healthy Teen Living

## Troop 60260 - Silver Award Project



Hello! We're some of the Girl Scouts from Troop 60260.

We have created a website as part of our Girl Scout Silver Award Project to discuss mental health from a teenage point of view. On our website, we have mentioned helpful ways to deal with and better understand some of the mental health struggles we all go through. Some of the subjects we discuss include sadness, stress, peer pressure, and confidence.

Website link: <http://healthyteenliving2021.weebly.com/>

Website QR Code:



We hope you will take a look at it and find it helpful!

If you have any feedback feel free to email us at [healthyteenliving2021@gmail.com](mailto:healthyteenliving2021@gmail.com)



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# “Coming Out, Coming Home”

A Video Presentation and Discussion over Zoom

Join us for this video focused on four 60+ year-old LGBTQ+ individuals' coming out stories and experiences as Nikkei.  
Discussion following video.

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**  
**11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

To sign up for this event, email Elaine Jones at:  
[minnanomura@icloud.com](mailto:minnanomura@icloud.com)

Deadline is October 12, 2021

Zoom link will be sent after registration.

*This free event is presented to bring greater understanding and education to our community.*

—→ October is LGBTQ History Month — October 11 is National Coming Out Day ←—

*\*Okaeri is an LGBTQ+ community of individuals, parents, and allies, based in Los Angeles who want to give everyone the opportunity to connect, support, and discover resources and information, in order for all identities to be celebrated, respected and embraced.*



San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin



Please Attend

**Virtual Annual Membership Meeting**

Sunday December 5, 2021

1:00 PM

Please log on

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

**Agenda**

Service

Approval of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

2021 Summary and Annual Report

Election of Board Directors

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Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America

**October 30, 2021**

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2021

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 31, 2021



## Upcoming Services:

**Sunday, October 10, 2021** – BCA Founding Day and Late Bishops' Memorial Service – Virtual

**Sunday, November 7, 2021** – Eitaikyo Service - Virtual

**Sunday, November 14, 2021** – Eshinniko/Kakushinni Service - Virtual

**Sunday, December 5, 2021** – Bodhi Day Service with Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Endo at 10:00am - Virtual

## Funeral and Memorial Service

If you need to schedule a service please call the temple office at (408) 293-9292. Due to COVID-19 we are limiting services to 100 people in the hondo. Masks will be required at all times.

## Japanese Telephone Dharma Message

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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.

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### 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

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#### Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30am to 5:00pm  
Saturday and Sunday: 8:30am to 4:30pm