



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

Eitaikyo Service

Sunday, November 7, 2021

BWA Memorial Service for Eshinniko / Kakushinni / Lady Yoshiko Otani / Late BWA Members

Sunday, November 14, 2021 with Guest Speaker: Michiko Miyaji Inanaga

Office will be Closed on the following dates:

Thursday, November 11th

Wednesday, November 24th at 12:30pm

Thursday, November 25th

Friday, November 26th at 12:30pm

Infinite Compassion

by: Gerald Sakamoto

I was listening to NPR Weekend Edition on Saturday as I drove to the office as I do usually. Scott Simon was interviewing two guests, author Myriam J. A. Chancy and songwriter Dar Williams. In the interview Williams said something that was really interesting, the opposite of division is not unity but collaboration. Her point, I think, was that when we collaborate we can work together and still be who we are. This does not require radical challenges to our world view but rather looks for and affirms common ground. She talked about how while she was working on a book she learned about small town mayors who were embracing changes and their towns were thriving. One of these mayors, in upstate New York, invited and welcomed Hmong immigrants into their community and thanked them for “choosing us”. Dar Williams wrote a song about that town, “Little Town”.

When we look at the world around us things can look scary, unfamiliar, uncomfortable. Because of that we might look to what is familiar, maybe not comfortable or less scary but maybe more manageable. When we consider; do we really need a béchamel sauce for Mac n Cheese? Shouldn't a macaroni and cheese recipe just be about macaroni and cheese? And nutmeg, who uses nutmeg in anything else but eggnog? If we can set aside our own likes and dislikes we may be able to go beyond the yellow and blue box and find a plethora of possibilities. The béchamel becomes a blank canvas to introduce combinations of cheese, gruyere, gouda, Parmesan, jalapeño cheddar, the possibilities are infinite. And seasonings like hot sauce or gochujang (maybe?) or shoyu for umami or miso. There are actually recipes for miso mac n cheese, and why not? Miso adds mild saltiness and umami.

When we set aside our preconceptions, plausible can become possible.

The mayor of the little town in upstate New York was able to see in Hmong immigrants the same kinds of concerns and joy and life that we all share. To welcome someone can be amazing. To welcome someone not because they look like us or speak like us or believe like us but simply because they are like us, that they are us.

In 2001 US Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, grounded all US air traffic. Nearly 6,000 flights landed safely in two hours. With US air space closed international flights enroute were directed to airports outside US territory. Flights crossing the Atlantic were directed to Eastern Canada. Gander airport was where 38 of these planes with some 7,000 passengers landed. Gander's population at that time was around 9,000. At first the passengers stayed on the planes but as the hours passed they were able to disembark and it was the people of Gander that welcomed the passengers who had “Come from away”. Twenty years later there is a book and a musical that celebrates those few days when, with kindness and compassion, strangers shared a common humanity.

History is replete with stories, examples of people acting with kindness and compassion. Sometimes a story like Gander's “Come From Away” is retold in a book and on stage. We celebrate these extraordinary examples of people embracing life. Their stories resonate in our lives because we too in our daily, everyday lives lift up when we are able the lives round us through empathy, kindness and compassion.

"Negative Capability"

by: Etsuko Mikame

It has been a while since the pandemic started. Many people might have already been used to this “new normal” life. However, we are still under an unpredictable situation and might still have fears and anxieties even if we are gradually coming back to the normal life which we used to have before the pandemic. It is still difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel, so it is an exhausting situation for everyone.

I recently learned a new psychological term called “Negative capability” which is advocated by Dr. Housei Hahaki, who is an author and psychiatrist in Japan.

Dr. Hahaki explained the meaning of “Negative capability” and its necessity in our lives. He showed “Negative capability” as an ability to withstand situations where there is no answer and there is no way to deal with it and the ability to stay in uncertainty, wonder, and skepticism without rushing for proof or reason.

When problems occur in our work and daily lives, we are required to deal with them promptly and solve them, and efficiency and swiftness are always required in our world. However, this “negative capability” is the opposite of the ability required in society. Nevertheless, he dared to suggest that we should awaken to the ability to endure without avoiding that dangling state, which is illogical and cannot be decided in that way. I felt like he is telling us that we don’t always have to ask a right answer right away, no rush, and leave it as it is if you have no idea.

We tend to think and judge things in a dual way: good or bad, right or wrong, like or dislike. However, we sometimes experience something which is beyond our judgment as to whether it is right or wrong, and what is happening in this world is actually something which is not easily answerable. People tend to be very anxious about leaving something which we don’t know as they are. So, we try to figure it out, however, no matter how much developed the science and technology are, we cannot make everything crystal clear yet. There are still unclear, unknown, unidentified stuff all over the world and even in our lives.

We don't always need to know the answer clearly and just leave it if it is difficult to make it clear. The idea of “Negative capability” may give us ideas that make us calm and free from the stress of seeking the right answer right away.

This reminds me of one of the passages from *Tannisho* or “A Record in Lament of Divergences,” which we know as the collected words of Shinran Shonin by one of his disciples. One day, Yuien-bo, who was one of the disciples, told Shinran Shonin about his worries. “Although I say the nembutsu, the feeling of dancing with joy is faint within me, and I have no thought of wanting to go to the Pure Land quickly. How should it be?” Then, Shinran Shonin just accepted his worry with his empathy and answered “I, too, have had this question, and the same thought occurs to you, Yuien-bo!” I would say this Shinran Shonin’s response has something in common with the idea of “Negative capability” or the ability to accept ourselves in an uncertain situation. Shinran Shonin’s kind response must have relaxed Yuien-bo and freed him from his frustration and given him peace of mind.

I believe everyone can have this “Negative capability” but unfortunately, we don’t notice its importance because we are always living in the world where the opposite ability is always required. But as Dr. Hahaki told us, now might be the right time for us to try to use our “negative capability” even if things don’t go well as we wished and we are in that dangling state due to the pandemic, so that we can accept and forgive ourselves as we are with peace of mind.

Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

うしもづ
霜月だより



「今日は、鏡を覗きましたか？」と聞かれたら、多く
の人は「はい、覗きました」と返えるのではないでしょ
うか。私たちは日々自分の姿を整えるために鏡の
前に立ちますね。

では、続いて「鏡を覗くことしたか？」と聞かれ
たらあなたはどのように返えるかな。
突然、「うんかったわー」と聞かれても困ってしまう
ですね。

「別に……普通でした」とか「髪に毛染めがけられ
ました」と返えることがありませんね。
または「この鏡は四角い形をしていました」と返
える人は少ないと思います。

しかし、むしろ「鏡を覗く」ということは避けて
おられます。

同じ「見る」でも、「鏡を見る」と「桜を見る」で
は意味が違います。

「桜を見る」と言った場合は「桜」そのものを見ま
す。「方」で「鏡を見る」と言った場合は「鏡」その
ものではなく「鏡に映った自分」を見ることを意味
します。

実は、「仏教を学ぶ」「仏法を聞く」ということ
は、「鏡を見る」に近いです。

仏法を聞いたときに「仏さまの教えはこんな教えな
のか」と客観的に教えの内容を理解しただけでは、
仏法を聞いたとは言えません。

仏法とは、聞けば聞くほど自分の姿が映えてくる教
えです。

自分の外見は鏡を見れば分かります。しかし、自分
の内面はそうではありません。仏法は私の内面をお
ののみに映し出す鏡なのです。

中国の書道大師さんのお坊さんで、自分の書道
『観経疏（かんぎんしゆ）』の中で「お経に説か
れた仏さまの教え（仏法）は、鏡のようになるのだ
す。何度も読み、何度もその心を記し続けるのだ
と。細心を怠らぬこと」とおっしゃっています。

仏法という鏡に映し出された自分の姿を自分のま
なざでみつめます。

真実に目覚めた仏さまの教えにまじりて映し出された
真実と自己の姿とを自分のまなざす。それは心に
のうから離れられず、煩悩に振り回されてくる心
が自分に響きあいます。

しかし、自分の心は映れられたいというわけ
「真実の在り方」「自分の心はかくれたい」と映れ
たいという願いがあります。つまり、仏法を聞くとい
うことは、自分の心は映れられたいという願いで、
自分の心はかくれたいという願いがあるというわけ。そ
して仏様の細心のほだきにもよって真実に響かれる
身になるというわけです。日々、仏法という鏡の前
に立ちたいですね。
名譽 三瓶井

わがや寺院では日本語講座を月に一度、始めま
した。毎月第一日曜日の十一時から、英語のサークルの
後に続けてYoutubeで放送いたします。

今回は、十一月十四日（日曜）十一時からの放送しま
す。詳しくは別紙、またはお寺のホームページを、観
てください。お問合わせ三瓶井までご連絡ください。

President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

Happy New Year! Actually, New Fiscal Year 2022! We've already had the New School Year 2021-2022! And Happy New Year 2022 is right around the corner. No wonder I get so confused! Yes, our fiscal year is November through October. All of the annual fiscal numbers for 2021 (Nov 2020 through Oct 2021) are being prepared and reviewed. This includes our membership numbers that are reported to the BCA annually. As I mentioned last month, please take a moment to review your own membership pledges. We have improved the options available to you to renew your membership. We hope that these changes will simplify the procedure for you!

It has been unfortunate that the pandemic has kept everyone away from the temple and surrounding grounds. Not only because of the loss of direct interpersonal contact, but you have missed watching the amazing transformation of the grounds surrounding the Hondo, office and front of the Dharma School building! A very dedicated group of volunteers has taken it upon themselves to improve and expand upon the Japanese gardens in those areas. They also added some wooden benches next to the entrance to the Hondo....perfect for waiting for the service to begin! This amazing group of volunteers was led by Stan Kawamata and included Dave Pascual, Ted Hashiguchi, Al Hironaga, Mike Mori and many of the Troop 611 Boy Scouts and leaders! This has been a huge project funded by donations and can/bottle recycling monies! A huge thanks to all (I hope that I have not left anyone off the list)!

Speaking of thanks....I would like to extend a huge thank you to Sally Idemoto. After 40 years of service to the Dharma, she is stepping down as the editor of our monthly newsletter. Through her tireless efforts, we have continued to receive the messages from our ministers and remained informed of the activities surrounding us here at the Betsuin.

So we continue to see change all around us...new landscaping, new Dharma newsletter, new fiscal year! It also appears that we are seeing some improvement in the pandemic situation with increased vaccinations, mask wearing and social distancing. We are starting to see some relaxation of the occupancy rules for the church. Things are definitely heading in the right direction, so let's not let our guard down now!

In Gassho,
Steve

ALERT - E-mails Impersonating Gerald Sakamoto

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is aware of recent e-mail impersonating Rinban Sakamoto through various fraudulent gmail accounts. These email messages ask recipients to reply to the email sender. Recipients should not reply or click on any links in these fraudulent email messages.

Correspondence from Rinban Sakamoto will come directly from "rinban@sjbetsuin.org." Always carefully read any email from sjbetsuin.org.

Please contact the office if you receive suspicious email so that we can perform the necessary reporting.

My Last Dharma Editor's Message

by: Sally Idemoto

With the pandemic still with us, we are all having to find ways of going about our lives as normally as possible.

Sadly, things are changing and what we all knew as the Dharma newsletter....a printed newsletter mailed monthly to all of the temple members...will no longer be the case. With the pandemic, the process of creating a printed newsletter will not be happening. Instead, as has been the case for the last few months, the newsletter will be found on the Betsuin's website. You can find the ministers' messages, the president's message, the organization messages and the Betsuin's news online.

Many years ago, Phil Matsumura started the temple newsletter called The English Department News. Several years later I was asked by Phil to take over the newsletter as editor.

It was an enjoyable task each month to put together the newsletter along with the many staff members and helpers. But with this pandemic, things have changed to where we can no longer gather as before.

Along with all of the changes, I will no longer continue as editor of the Dharma newsletter. It has been almost 40 years since taking over from Phil.

So, with this final message, as editor, I want to thank everyone who has helped in some way in the process of putting together the newsletter and mailing them out all these many years.

It was an enjoyable time each month when the staff and volunteers would get together working on the newsletter and then having lunch after. It was a working and social time. I will miss those times as I am sure the staff members will as well.

Continue reading online to get your temple messages and news.

Wear your masks wherever needed, get your shots, and keep washing your hands.

Gratefully in gassho,
Sally Idemoto

COVID-19 Update

by: Randy Suzuki

We're continuing to operate cautiously; the Betsuin is adhering to the following guidelines and capacity limits. We're resuming in person office hours on weekdays and weekends.

Office Hours & Guidelines

- Weekday Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm
- Weekend Office Hours: Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm
- Highly encourage advance notice for in person visits
- You may be asked to wait outside if we're helping other visitors.

Service/Ceremony Guidelines

- Sunday services and special holiday services will remain virtual through the summer.
- Offering in person Hondo (Temple) weddings, funerals and memorial services limited to 100 attendees plus the officiating minister(s).
- Virtual memorial and funeral services are available as an option or to supplement in person services.
- No contact receiving lines are required.
- No Otoki/Refreshments are allowed at this time.
- The Nokotsudo and Betsuin office is open by advance appointment on weekdays and weekends; we'll do our best to accommodate walk-in visits.

Betsuin Organizations Only

- Indoor or outdoor meetings or events.
- Contact the Betsuin office at facilities@sjbetsuin.org, or 408-293-9292 for availability, requirements, and capacity limitations.
- Facilities remain closed to outside organizations.

To schedule services or make appointments, office staff can be reached by email (sjbc@sjbetsuin.org) or by phone (408-293-9292). We're here to help as much as we can. If we're not able to answer your phone call, please leave us a message.

The re-opening committee is meeting every 2-4 weeks to review the current pandemic situation and our level of opening.

In Gassho,
Betsuin Office Staff

Organization Spotlight: Adult Buddhist Association

by: Dennis Akizuki

The Adult Buddhist Association has been contributing to the temple for nearly 70 years.

Famous these days for the wildly successful annual rummage sale, ABA (pronounced ah-bah) as it is known by many, started under a different name in 1953. The Nisei (second generation Japanese American) Buddhist Society was founded by former Junior Young Buddhist Association members and members of the Jr. Fujinkai (women's association) who combined to form one organization. Its name was changed to the Adult Buddhist Association in 1990, to recognize the fact that many Sansei (third generation Japanese Americans) had joined the group.

The preamble to the original NBS constitution said: "We pledge to perpetuate the teachings of the Buddha, to strengthen our personal faith, to develop leadership among Buddhist groups, and to cooperate in the promotion of mutual welfare of the Buddhist movement."

Over the years, ABA members have more than fulfilled the goals from that preamble. They have sponsored a retirement fund for ministers, published a book that outlined Buddhist funeral customs, helped lead the fundraising to construct the Annex building, financed new robes for ministers, and spearheaded the purchase of an organ for the temple.

The association has been active in major temple and community events such as Obon, church clean-up, the Yu-Ai Kai Keiro Kai and mochitsuki. ABA's own annual rummage sale is one of the most anticipated activities at the temple, bringing together a dizzying array of clothes, books, shoes, jewelry, kitchen ware and art work. Members also enjoy getting together for fun activities such as a post-Obon steak barbecue and joint outings with the Buddhist Women's Association.

ABA members have formed the backbone of the temple leadership. A number of them have become temple presidents and dozens have served on the Betsuin Board of Directors. ABA members have also served as president of the Buddhist Churches of America. In 1969, three women from the organization blazed a new path for temple leadership when they became the first women on the Board.

Membership is open to anyone in the Sangha.

As ABA approaches its 70th anniversary, the organization is looking for new members to help continue their mission. One member says they will do "the best we can as our Issei and Nisei brothers and sisters did and do our best to carry the legacy they started to support the Betsuin and the Buddha Dharma."

Organization Spotlight: Adult Buddhist Association



Buddhist Women's Association

by: Karen Akimoto

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair, sent well wishes to two people this past month. We hope that our friends are feeling much better. Also, we thank Sharon Uyeda for donating note cards to BWA.

Sangha members, please join us for our virtual BWA memorial service for **Eshinniko / Kakushinni / Lady Yoshiko Ohtani / Late BWA Members** on Sunday, November 14 at 10:10 am. **Eshinniko** was the wife of Jodo Shinshu founder, Shinran Shonin, and **Kakushinni** was his youngest daughter. Kakushinni cared for Shinran when he returned to Kyoto after his exile. With her mother's dedication and support, Kakushinni was able to establish the foundation of Jodo Shinshu. **Lady Yoshiko Ohtani**, grandmother of the current Gomonshu, revitalized the Buddhist Women's Associations by visiting many temples in Japan and overseas. She was the first to institute Japan-wide and worldwide conferences. We will also be remembering all of the wonderful ladies that we have lost this past year. Our special guest speaker is **Michiko Miyaji Inanaga**. She is director of development of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Endowment Foundation and has been actively involved in leadership positions with the Orange County Buddhist Church. She says, "I was born into Buddhism, but find that its middle path is difficult, frustrating and also very illuminating."

San Jose Betsuin BWA

San Jose BWA See's Candies Fundraiser for the 2023 World Buddhist Women's Conference.

San Jose BWA is raising funds to help subsidize members' expenses to attend the 2023 World Buddhist Women's Conference in Kyoto, Japan. BWA members are selling a variety of See's Candies products from now until December 1, 2021. Prices are lower than at See's retail stores. Candy will be available for pick-up or delivery after December 10. For more information, please contact Joyce Iwasaki: j.iwasaki@yahoo.com.



Please circle these dates --

Tuesday, December 7th,

Wednesday, December 8th and

Thursday, December 9th

They are BWA Fundraiser dates at **Minato Restaurant**. Just place an order (or several orders) for lunch and/or dinner on any one of the days or ALL days. Please let Minato staff know that you are supporting BWA, and a

portion of the profit from your meal will be donated to BWA. This is for both Dine-In and Take-Out orders -- Take-Out is preferred! Please see the flyer in this newsletter. All funds raised will help subsidize members' costs incurred for the 2023 WBWC in Kyoto. Thank you for participating, and a HUGE thank you to Gene and JoAnn Yoneda of Minato Restaurant!

Mikame Sensei is conducting virtual Japanese language services on the San Jose Betsuin YouTube channel. They are held on the second Sunday of the month at 11:00 am on the same Betsuin channel, immediately after the Adult English service. Please join Sensei, and let others know about these services.

Janice Doi and Karen Akimoto attended a virtual **Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA)** Delegates' meeting on Saturday, October 16, 2021, hosted by Northern District. BCA Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada officiated the opening service and delivered a welcome message. In the Secretaries-General report, it was announced the 17th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be held, May 11 (Thursday) and May 12 (Friday), 2023 in Kyoto. The Joint Celebration of **850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's Birth and the 800th Anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching at the Hongwanji** will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Registration fee as of September 3, 2021 is \$227 USD. A resolution that WBWC funds be granted to the BCA Music Committee to support an audio-visual project to create the BCA FBWA kyodan entertainment presentation at the 2023 WBWC was approved. A second resolution to donate 2019 WBWC funds to the Institute of Buddhist Studies Eshinni & Kakushinni Professorial Chair Fund was withdrawn after an amendment changed the intent of the resolution. Both JTB and Kintetsu travel agencies presented tour possibilities in conjunction with the 2023 WBWC.

BWA would like to thank Mr. Bob Terasaki for his generous donation in memory of his wife and our former BWA president, Marlene.

We'd love for YOU to become a BWA member, participate in our activities and share fellowship with other members, please contact Diane Fujioka at dfujioka@sjbetsuin.org

Please take care, everyone!

Jr. YBA

by: Kaylee Okamoto

We welcomed back all our new and returning members with an outdoor picnic in September. We played a couple of games and ate delicious food. It was great to be back in-person rather than seeing everyone online only.

During our second general meeting, one of our activities included painting rocks for the Kindness Rock Community Project. All the inspiring and encouraging rocks will be going to the public health workers as a thank you for all their hard work on the front line!



EcoSangha: EcoTip

By: Harriet Kawamata

An Eco Day in the Life of Harriet

First things first...laundry time: I use the biodegradable eco strip detergent (which comes in a paper container) to wash a load. Then off to the bathroom using the homemade toothpaste, mouthwash and deodorant. Of course my sustainable bamboo toothbrush and toilet paper are at the ready. Next it's time to wash my hair with my bar soap shampoo and use my homemade rinse. I use my pure zinc sunscreen in preparation for my walk to the Farmer's Market where I reuse my bags wash my dishes with a bar soap detergent. You may ask why is this crazy lady making all these products.....well...the main reason is that I do not want to buy things in plastic containers...and that's all folks.

Sangha Crafters

by: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

It is November already!! Holiday time is upon us and hopefully we can gather safely indoors in the next 6 months or sooner. Thanks for continued support of completing fleece blankets. We delivered 52 blankets and 30 children and baby caps. Project Linus appreciates our excellent crafting. There are scarves and adult caps that will be delivered in November. Annually there is a group that donates double fleece blankets. They are beautifully done. Thank you so much!!!

Our next gathering in Temple parking lot is Friday Nov 5 at 11 a.m.. It is a chance for some socialization and exchange.

Any questions, comments, suggestions or ideas: bettysjc@sbcglobal.net or Georgetomi@yahoo.com

Girl Scout Troop 61334

by: Mitoshi Fujio-White

Girl Scout Troop 61334 has grown by 25% during covid – with the addition of Riley in 2020 and Emily in 2021! We happily participated in this year's Investiture and Rededication ceremony hosted on Zoom by the 12th Grade Ambassador Troop 61302, with the theme of "Favorite Holiday" (which was amazingly organized and efficient – thank you 12th Graders!). Being so close to Halloween, many of our girls were in full costume regalia! What a fun event!

Meet Troop 61334 Brownies



Abbie



Cora



Ellie



Emily



Isabella



Kalyssa



Kimi



Kira



Morgan



Riley



Volunteer Recognition 2020-2021

By Jeanne Nakano, submitted by EcoSangha

Do you know who does the recycling of cans and plastic bottles at the Betsuin? No surprise that Stan Kawamata, volunteer extraordinaire, quietly decided over 20 years ago to help our environment and the Temple by purchasing several sets of recycling stands that were placed throughout the campus. Recycling is done almost weekly and cash received is targeted for areas of need such as the recently, during the pandemic lockdown, the monies went toward purchasing supplies to beautify and increase safety for all of us to enjoy the Betsuin gardens and walkways, including two benches by the office and in front of the Hondo. All of you who placed your clean aluminum cans or plastic bottles in those recycle bins deserve applause for helping keep the rooms clean and helping with the recycle efforts. Hats off to Stan Kawamata for his proactive recycling efforts.

(see full article in January 2021 Dharma about the garden redo and update. Also in the same newsletter was a article about the committee who organized and executed a very heartfelt Keiro Kai for 2020)

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

Another Thank You from Lotus Preschool!

by: Lynne Yamaichi

Thank you to Lexie Maag for thinking of Lotus Preschool for your Girl Scout Bronze Award project! Much care was needed for our playground fence decorations which were damaged from the rain and sun. These pieces of art are very special as they are from a Boy Scout Eagle Award project almost 20 years ago.

Lexie's project involved lots of sanding, determining the type of outdoor paint to use, how much paint to purchase, how to seal it and time management with all the colors that she used. Not planned, but Lexie also learned how to treat the termite infested pieces! Lexie was lucky to have her parent's guide her.

Lotus children and staff appreciate all of Lexie's hard work to brighten our playground art pieces with a new coat of paint, new colors, and new details!

Congratulations Lexie for achieving your Girl Scout Bronze Award!

And, Arigatou Gozaimasu from all of us at Lotus!





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)

Fall! – Is there Fall in the tropics?

The seas change, the cycle of the moon is different, so the weather must change. I need to ask people from Hawai‘i– the Hawai‘i that is now-and see what they say. Hey! Kama‘āina out there! – Write in! Email! Let your voices be heard! Don’t let this Buddhahead katonk woman say everything for you! What do you think? Current Hawai‘i has a volcano eruption going on. Current Hawai‘i is getting over the pandemic and hospitalization numbers are staying low.

I was reading through some old cards that Rinban’s older brother (well, both brothers are older because Rinban is the youngest of four children). The cards and letters reminded me of my mother-in-law often saying, “You know, Kathy. In Hawai‘i we do it this way...” Now, things may be different now, because she passed away 20 years ago, and she was in her eighties when she did. So, things would definitely be different, wouldn’t they?

There was a sign at a well-known local restaurant we went to on one visit many years back that said something like “Make a line. Everyone like eat. Your turn soon. Mahalo.” Aloha. No more need be said, right? What happened to our crazy world so that now, we think that in fighting for equality, we need to be more specific, more detailed, more discriminatory. Yes, discrimination works both ways. We discriminate about what we like and don’t like, and others discriminately figure out what they like and why. But everybody like eat. And if they don’t and they are standing in line at a restaurant, something is wrong, and they need help. I hope this attitude and understanding hasn’t changed.

That restaurant was a ‘hang-out/hang-loose’ sort of place for chefs in Waikiki after their work was done. It was known for really good food ... if you could get in. And yeah, it was local food made by local people. It closed, we heard, a few years ago. The ‘old chefs’ were tired and costs were going up. Things change, they do. But some things need to be passed along so that the next big change will be better for everyone, not worse. So that the big changes will be of value to the earth, to everything on the earth. It’s not too much. It’s big things, a little bit at a time and we can do it because we can do it all together.

Aloha no~

‘A ‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia
Mālama Honua Namō Amida Butsu

Kathy

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

Saturday Qigong Zoom Classes Added!
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 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
Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano, jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

Topic: Qigong Class 11/1 - 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)

Nov 1, 2021 09:30 AM	Nov 17, 2021 09:30 AM
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Nov 5, 2021 09:30 AM	Nov 20, 2021 09:30 AM
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Nov 10, 2021 09:30 AM	Nov 26, 2021 09:30 AM
Nov 12, 2021 09:30 AM	Nov 27, 2021 09:30 AM
Nov 13, 2021 09:30 AM	Nov 29, 2021 09:30 AM
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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEvfuurrrzosGdbkrzLk4xaPt-fCaHEYm-Yb/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtrDioGdWUthqFRpwMAIr4a-nzmH5djadflw3_LysHegLGlq9EEbNXNeHd

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85292311632?pwd=bnlnb2ZxVlMzOWcrQTl5ampwdFVqZz09>

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submitted by Joyce Iwasaki

Keiro Kai is a celebration to honor our elders for their contributions, wisdom and strength as well as expressing our appreciation for the life lessons they've passed along through the generations. It is their legacy that strengthens our community.

Honoring those born in 1941 or earlier, this year's **Keiro Kai at Home** celebration will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 with Honorees receiving a delivered bountiful healthy choice gift bag followed by an online presentation including photos of all our Honorees.

For Honorees registering for Keiro Kai, please also consider sending in recent or favorite photos to share with Betsuin friends and family. We all miss the time we usually spend together at the church and this is a nice way to share our lives. Last year many Honorees sent in family event photos, photos of activities that are keeping them busy and fun photos that show off their personalities.

Photos for the online presentation can be emailed to sjbc@sjbetsuin.org or via mail to the church office at 640 N. Fifth Street, San Jose, CA 95112. If you are not sure about how to send in electronic files, of course you can ask your family or friends for help. We will try to return all mailed-in printed photographs but electronic files are preferred.

In an effort to support our local community, this year's Keiro Kai Honoree gift includes items from local growers, merchants, artists and crafters. This is a gift you won't want to miss! **Register by November 6** - fill out and submit the **Keiro Kai at Home** form included in this newsletter.

Keiro Kai at Home

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN



Keiro Kai is a celebration to honor our elders.

Honor their contributions.

Honor their wisdom.

Honor their strength.

Please join us in celebrating
this important part of our community.

Saturday, November 20, 2021

**Gift Delivery to Our Honorees
&
Online Presentation**

Honoree Participation Registration

RSVP by November 6, 2021

Honoring all Betsuin members born in 1941 and before.

We will be delivering gifts to all honorees who register (November 20th between 10am and 4pm)
and would like to include photo(s) of each Honoree in our Online Presentation.

RSVP (register) by email to sjbc@sjbetsuin.org with all information listed in the form below

OR by mail (fill out form below) to 640 N. 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

Please include photo(s), print or electronic, when replying.

Note: your choice of photo(s) is up to you; we suggest your favorite activity or a favorite memory.

Name of Honoree: _____ Year of birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am not an honoree but would like to donate towards this event: \$ _____

For more information, please call the church office at (408) 293-9292

Oseibo

By Alvin Hironaga

As the end of 2021 approaches, it is time again to consider oseibo. Oseibo are year-end gifts, which are given in Japan and also practiced at some temples here in the United States. Oseibo are gifts given to people as a demonstration of our appreciation for their help during the past year. As you reflect upon the past year, think about what is really important to you and who has assisted you along the way, and you may want to give them a gift or monetary donation. An oseibo is a direct reflection of what we consider important in our lives, as we realize that true happiness comes from dana or the selfless act of giving. You are free to show your appreciation toward our Betsuin ministers, Minister Assistants and office staff in this traditional manner by giving your gift directly to the individual as some of you have been doing for years, or by sending your check to the Betsuin Oseibo Committee along with the Oseibo letter form included in this issue. The form allows you to designate the recipient(s) of your gift and also specify whether you wish to remain anonymous. The Betsuin finance committee advises that funds distributed to employees by the Betsuin will be subject to the appropriate taxes. The Oseibo committee will acknowledge all donations to the Oseibo Fund. Additional forms will be available at the Betsuin office. Your forms and checks need to be received at the Betsuin office by **Sunday, December 12** to be included in this end-of-the-year distribution.

To: San Jose Betsuin Oseibo Committee **(Please submit by December 12, 2021)**

From: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Subject: Oseibo Donation for Ministers, Minister Assistants, Office Staff and Others

I would like to make a donation of \$_____ to the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Oseibo Fund for 2021. I understand my donation will be distributed to the Betsuin personnel as I have designated below.

Please check **one** of the following boxes:

- ☐ You may reveal my name and amount to the persons I have designated above;
OR
☐ You may reveal my name, but not amount to the persons I have designated above;
OR
☐ I prefer to remain anonymous, please do not reveal my name.

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

- ☐ ▪ Distribute however the Oseibo Committee determines to be appropriate;
OR
☐ ▪ I would like my donation divided among the following Betsuin employees (indicate amount to each person you want to include):

\$_____ Rinban Gerald Sakamoto
\$_____ Reverend Etsuko Mikame
\$_____ Randy Suzuki, Office Manager
\$_____ Office Staff (will be divided among office staffers)
\$_____ Weekend Office Staff (will be divided among weekend staffers)
\$_____ Minister Assistants (will be divided among the MAs)
\$_____ Other (name): _____
\$_____ Other (name): _____

Total \$_____ (sum of all amounts you designated above)

Donated by: _____
Signature

Make checks payable to: **San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin**

(Oseibo Committee Use Only)

Amount Received: \$ _____ Check Number: _____
Date Received: _____
Added to Master Oseibo List: _____
Date Acknowledged: _____

Min'na no Mura - A Village for Everyone

By: Elaine Jones

Min'na no Mura - A Village for Everyone, held its second event virtually on Saturday, October 16, entitled "Coming Out, Coming Home," which included the Okaeri produced video along with a discussion. The video focused on 4 Nikkei, all over the age of 60, and their coming out stories.

After the video, the discussion points included:

1. The post-WWII upbringing of Nikkei families, including the sentiment, "Do not bring shame to the family," which was ingrained in many households. This one fact in itself was (and still is?) the reason so many Nikkei individuals stay 'in the closet' and are not able to be their authentic selves in public for a good portion of their lifetimes, if they were able to 'come out' at all.
2. Marsha Aizumi gave a parent's viewpoint, that for individuals who have/intend to come out, is to be patient with your family, for their experience with you is a coming out process, too. I know from personal experience, that this is very true. Even though we shouldn't put weight on what others think of us, we tend to have those thoughts control us, on how people will judge us. When a person close to you, such a family member or personal friend, comes out, I believe they are seeking support and a reassurance of your love, even though they may not ask this directly from you.
3. Coming Out is just not only the sexual aspect, but is the 'whole person' aspect of who he/she/they are: physical health and appearance, mental health of the individual, and the societal expectations and acceptance of family, friends, and work colleagues. Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation across our nation has a deeply personal affect on the LGBTQ+ community.
4. "Come as you are," a Buddhist teaching that has been spoken to us many times by Rinban Sakamoto.

The event was well attended by a diverse group of individuals representing the LGBTQ+ community and allies, and those who were interested in learning more about the experiences of the LGBTQ+. Thanks to all who attended! Our special guests were Marsha Aizumi of Okaeri, Gabrielle Antolovich of the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center of San Jose, and Ronnel Corre of the South Bay Queer & Asian Organization. All of our special guests spoke about their organizations and their support services. Rinban Sakamoto also gave a short message on how we can be a more inclusive sangha here at the Betsuin; learning of the LGBTQ+ experience is a good start!

I'd also like to thank the San Jose Betsuin for their support to make this event happen. Rinban Sakamoto, Rev. Mikame, President Steve Onishi and VP of Programs Mas Nishimura, were instrumental in moving this program forward. To Randy Suzuki, Deborah Aso, and the office staff, much appreciation for providing the administrative support for us.

Thank you all for your interest!

Here are some references from our event:

Youtube link for "Coming Out, Coming Home" video presented at event: youtube.com/watch?v=rpeVL_SWEjE

Okaeri/Okaeri 2021 Conference Link: bit.ly/okaeri2021

Billy DeFrank LGBTQ+ Community Center: www.defrank.org

Ronnel Corre of South Bay Queer & Asian: correronnel@gmail.com

(If you'd like to view the full interview with Gabrielle, Anh, and Ron, here is the link: youtube.com/watch?v=k6VJWRP3K70)

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The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.
September 17, 2021 to October 14, 2021

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GIVING IN GRATITUDE

A Time to Remember and Honor



OBON@HOME - MŌ ICHIDO 'IN MEMORY OF' GIVING

Mō ichido (Once again), thank you to everyone for your mindfulness and generosity as we celebrated Obon and honored those that came before us and who continue to play an important role in our lives. Our community once again came together and provided the means to ensure the well-being of the Betsuin. Thank you!

As of the end of September, we have raised over \$125,000 from more than 300 families, friends and organizations towards the temple's General Fund budget which is essential to the daily operations of our temple and the services offered to the community by the Betsuin. Also, we received so many wonderful dedications/messages included with your donations...so while it's difficult to intertwine the realities of funding with Obon, your messages expressed so much of what the spirit of Obon is meant to be.

Below are all donations (chronological) along with each donor's message(s). Please take a moment to read through these special memories and sentiments of our families and friends, and all that we cherish about the our annual Obon Festival! Thank you for helping to make this campaign a successful and meaningful effort.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE!

Thank you for sharing your sentiments and for your generous support!

Mark and Lynne Gyorey

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Henry Nakata

In Memory of Irene Uchiyama

Hoang, Erin, and Devin Huynh**Stuart Inouye****Lloyd and Helen Watanabe**

In Loving Memory of Kay Kazuo & Rosie Watanabe, and Jerry & Janice Yamaguchi

Annette Amburn**Jacqueline Yamaguchi****Lorena Kuritsubo**

In Memory of Satoru Kuritsubo/Wataru and Fumiko Fujii - Beloved husband and parents

Anonymous

In memory of those who have passed and gratitude to those who helped put together a wonderful Obon celebration in spite of the circumstances!

Ted and Kachi Hashiguchi

In remembrance of family and friends

Leanne Ikegami and Michael Rasmeenoparat**Anonymous**

In honor of the Japantown community

Anonymous

In memory of Mom and Dad

Joe and Ann Morimoto**Justin Nakamura**

Please accept this gift in the spirit of gassho

Elizabeth Isenberg**Evelyn Yasukawa**

In memory of Chester Yasukawa and Eugene Yasukawa

Chiyuki Higuchi**Stephanie Nozaki**

In Memory of Takeshi Nozaki, Kikuye Nozaki and Tony Nozaki

Bud and Jody Mine**Mr. and Mrs. Keith Inouye****Yamashita Family****Stan and Eileen Moriya**

In Memory of Kazuo, Sueko and Stanley Kubo

Joanne Akizuki

In Memory of Chi Akizuki, Frank Shimada, Frank Yoshioka, Alan Yoshioka and Bill Kuwada

George and Shiz Hanada**June Kuwada**

In Memory of the Akizuki and Kuwada Families

Karen Inouye**Jane Inouye**

In Memory of Fred Inouye

Hisako Suzuki

In Memory of Yoshinobu Suzuki

Lois Midori Matsumoto

In Memory of Lloyd Y. Matsumoto

Grace Kobata*In Memory of Kobata Family***Dorothy Yamashita***In Memory of Shoji Yamashita***Tee Kogura***In Memory of James and Patty Kogura***Carolyn Kogura***In Memory of James and Patty Kogura***Julia Kuwada***In Memory of Alan Yoshioka**In Memory of Akizuki and Kuwada Families***Diane Ikegami***In Memory of Lloyd Ikegami, Shiro & Yoshiko Ikegami,
Russell Ikegami, Yukio & Nari Kurimoto, Hoichi & Tsuneyo
Nomi, Thomas Shinagawa, Fred & Mary Sugimoto***Kevin and Karen Kitagawa****Cheryl Nakagawa****Megan Nakagawa****Eric Nakagawa****Emily and Chris Ando and Family***In Memory of Ernie Ando**In Memory of McKenna Ando**In Memory of Alice Sasao***Mr. and Mrs. Tomi Ito****Moon and Lois Miyahara****Shoso Hanamoto, Diane Hanamoto, Drey & Danielle Stites***In Memory of Joyce Misao Hanamoto**In Memory of Randy Hanamoto**In Memory of Warren Hanamoto***Denise Takao and Jennifer Takao***In Memory of Troy Takao***Elsie Yamamoto****Donald and Mary Yamamoto****Debbie Higashi-Asquith***In Memory of David Asquith***Betty Jean Higashi***In Memory of Eiichi Higashi***A.T. Matsuura***In Memory of Lillian Kanzaki***Jonathan Hironaga****Wes and Lee Tao Family***In Memory of Kazuko (Tao) Tsurumoto, Tom Tao, Akira Tao,
Howard Tao, Yotsuo Tao***Mark, Pam, Katie, and Emily Hamada****Arianna Azevedo***In memory of my grandpa, Bill Furukawa***Naomi Oda***In Memory of Henry Oda***Tomi Imokawa***In Memory of George Imokawa***Iyoko Katsuyoshi***In Memory of Eiichi Katsuyoshi**In Memory of Masakazu R. Nakao**In Memory of George Tadami Nakao***Anonymous***In memory of those who have passed and in honor of the
Obon workers***Steve & Linda Onishi***In Memory of Keith & Martha Onishi**In Memory of Tom Hoshida & Martha Hoshida**In Memory of Tok and Haru Onishi***Roger & Nancy Wong***In Memory of Ted & Masako Suzuki***Toshitaka & Himiko Inoue****Betty Tokiwa***In Memory of Toyoji & Kumi Tokiwa**In Memory of Shig Tokiwa***Akira and Linda Iwasaki***In Memory of Isamu & Midori Takao**In Memory of Dennis Yoshioka**In Memory of Shigeki & Tsuruko Iwasaki***Michael & Jeanne Nakano***In Memory of Mae Kajioka, Stanley Takeuchi***Michael & Elaine Jones***In Memory of Fred & Mary Sugimoto**In Memory of Shig Tokiwa**In Memory of Joan Wilson***Yu Ai Kai Community Senior Center****Anonymous***In Memory of Joan Wilson*

Anonymous

In Memory of Shig Tokiwa

Shirley Honda

In Memory at Obon time for the Hirose/Honda families

Newton & Diane Iwamura

In Memory of our Family & Friends

Lillian "Lee" Uyeda

In Memory of Charles M. Uyeda

In Memory of Roy Murotsune

In Memory of Sumi Santo

James and Grace Yamakawa

Gary & Elizabeth Kinoshita

In Memory of Lillian Kanzaki

Judy & Reginald Ikebe

In Memory of Minoru Hayashi

Roy K. Idehara

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Keiichi Idehara

Stan & Karen Mason

Bonnie Ouchida

In Memory of Sakaye Santo, Randy Inouye, Aiko & Yoshito Ouchida

Stan & Harriett Kawamata

In Memory of Harry Kawamata (Honolulu, HI)

In Memory of Lillian Kanzaki, Roy Murotsune

In Memory of Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani - Minister Wailuku, HI then retired as Bishop of Hawaii Kyodan

Adam & Cheryl Sweeney

Steven and Karen Akimoto

In Memory of George and Mabel Shimane

Stephanie Nozaki

In Memory of Takeshi Nozaki, Kikuye Nozaki & Tony Nozaki

Warren Iwamura

In Memory of Yoshio Iwamura, Relatives & Friends

Tomomi Glover

Jeffrey Maag and Jennifer Inouye

In Memory of Joan Ikeda Wilson

Rachel Okada

Ed and Kiyoko Nodohara

In Honor of Nodohara Family

Joyce Yamamoto

In Memory of George A Yamamoto and Bettie Yamamoto

Earl and Helen Santo

Jane Kawasaki and John Adachi

Girl Scout Troop 60782

May Gyotoku

In Memory of Akimi Gyotoku

Susan Aoki and Craig Clark

In Memory of Marvin and Taeko Aoki

San Jose Jr. YBA

Brad and Leslie Kitazumi

Joanne Kobori

In Memory of George Kobori and Mitsu Hama

Dale and Vicki Yoshihara

In Memory of Roy Murotsune

In Memory of Norma Kurasaki

Richard and Cindy Kogura and Family

George and Lynne Yamaichi

In the spirit of Obon thinking of those who passed on

Lloyd and Elaine Ando

Mitsuye Nakao

In Memory of Family and Friends

Rajan and Susan Saigusa

In Memory of Takamaro Saigusa

Ellen Miyatake

In Memory of Ken Miyatake

Larry and Lynn Handa

In Memory of Polly and Matsuo Handa

In Memory of Natsuko and Sumito Horio

Benjamin and Tokiko Shinseki

June Hashimoto

In Memory of Tom Hashimoto



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

Information and Updates: Generations Phase II Education Building

BWA See's Candy Fundraiser

Please make checks payable to San Jose Betsuin BWA

Please mail your form and payment to:
San Jose Betsuin BWA, See's Candies Order
640 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

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See's CANDIES®

Orders are
due by
December 1st

2021 Winter
Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$25.00 #50318
2 lb \$49.00 #50319



Milk Chocolates
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$25.00 #50326



Dark Chocolates
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$25.00 #50330



Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$25.00 #50334
2 lb \$49.00 #50335



Truffles
Wonderfully decadent and rich.
1 lb \$28.00 #902



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate and almonds.
1 lb \$25.00 #316



Assorted Lollipops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Laté and Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollipops.
1 lb 5 oz \$24.00 #296



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$26.00 #355



Christmas Delivery Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
3.5 oz \$10.00 #7468



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk
and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$12.00 #358



Assorted Molasses Chips
Crispy wafers covered in milk
and dark chocolate.
8 oz \$12.00 #360



Merry Gnomes Box
An irresistible treat.
3.5 oz \$10.00 #7469

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See's CANDIES.

2021 Winter Fundraising

PRE-SELL FORM

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

CUSTOMER NAME/PHONE #

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Total Quantity of Each Item

TOTAL

2021 Winter Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

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Amount Due

	\$25.00	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #50318
	\$49.00	2 lb Assorted Chocolates #50319
	\$25.00	1 lb Milk Chocolates #50026
	\$25.00	1 lb Dark Chocolates #50330
	\$25.00	1 lb Nuts & Chews #50334
	\$49.00	2 lb Nuts & Chews #50335
	\$25.00	1 lb Truffles #602
	\$25.00	1 lb Toffee-ettes® #316
	\$24.00	1 lb 5 oz Asst. Lollypops #295
	\$26.00	1 lb 8 oz Peanut Brittle #355
	\$10.00	3.5 oz Christmas Delivery Box #7408
	\$12.00	8 oz Asst. Peppermints #358
	\$12.00	8 oz Asst. Molasses Chips #350
	\$10.00	3.5 oz Merry Gnomes Box #7459
\$		TOTAL

All purchases are subject to our terms and conditions which can be reviewed at sees.com.
For additional information, call 800.733.7123.



BWA Fundraiser 2021



Minato Restaurant, Dec. 7, 8, & 9, 2021

Take time off from cooking and join us!!!

Lunch (11:15 – 1:15), Dinner (5:00 – 8:00) Take-out is preferred.

Please phone ahead (even a week in advance) or email, minatorestaurant@gmail.com, please make sure that your email request gets an email reply back that your order has been received.



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

minatojapaneserestaurant.com (for posted menu options)

All funds raised will help defray the cost for our BWA members to attend the BWA World Conference in Kyoto, Japan in 2023.

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



Just let the Minato Staff know that you want to support the Buddhist Women's Assoc. (BWA) and enjoy your delicious meal!!!

Domo Arigato!!! Itadakimasu!!!

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK



2021 CBE Seminars Online For All

FALL: SEPTEMBER ~ NOVEMBER

SATURDAYS, 11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME)

Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu Buddhist doctrine, practice & culture

SEPTEMBER 18 & SEPTEMBER 25 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/zQVGSZExum1MYCvw7	SHINJIN - Part 1 & Part 2 Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto President, Institute of Buddhist Studies	
OCTOBER 16 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/RiXbVsVgawJcpnpH8	JODO SHINSHU MODERNITY Dr. Galen Amstutz Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies	
OCTOBER 23 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/Y7MunamGzRtmscik7	日本語セミナー 本願のこころ ワンドラ 睦 オレンジ郡仏教会 開教使	Japanese Seminar: Hongan no Kokoro Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra
OCTOBER 30 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/6PxLrRudinuQQghz6	CBE Every Day Buddhism Committee presents THE THREE POISONS Rev. Marvin Harada Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)	
NOVEMBER 13 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/8XXe4kRcTaVnQh58A	日本語セミナー 浄土真宗をととえと？ 桑原 浄信 パークレー仏教会 開教使 * マリン仏教会 開教使	Japanese Seminar: Jodo Shinshu wo tatoeru to? Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara
NOVEMBER 20 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/RfAsxvfArT4YZrAn9	KOICHI'S KITCHEN Koichi Mizushima Guest Chef/ CBE Youth Program Coordinator	

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: CBE@BCAHQ.ORG PHONE: (510) 809-1460

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME! PLEASE NOTE "CBE/SEMINAR DATE" IN DEDICATION BOX

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OR, DOWNLOAD THIS FLYER IN PDF FORMAT TO ACTIVATE REG LINKS

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OKAERI 2021

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 12-14, 2021

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON AUGUST 31, 2021



Upcoming Services:

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

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

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

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

2021 Memorial Service Schedule

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

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

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Saturday and Sunday: 8:30am to 4:30pm