



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

Bodhi Day Service (VIRTUAL)

Sunday, December 5, 2021 with Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Endo

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Annual Meeting (VIRTUAL)

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 1:00pm

Joya E (New Year's Eve Service) – VIRTUAL

Friday, December 31, 2021 at 7:30pm

Office will be Closed on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 24th at 12:30pm

Thursday, November 25th

Friday, November 26th at 12:30pm

A Long Time Ago

by: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

As the year draws to a close there are so many things that we might think about. There is of course the holiday gatherings that are more possible now than a year ago. We have discovered ways to spend time with family and friends who we have not been able to see other than on video calls. We are still cautious. Caring for the health and well being of others as we modify our behavior; fist bumps and elbows, masks indoors unless we're from the same pod. We adapted. We found new ways to express our love for one another. Even if that means being separated. Things that would seem backwards under different circumstances, now are expressions of love and concern.

When I was growing up, our family would gather for Christmas and New Years. We would sit on the floor around long boards with homemade supports that served as a table. Some of the food was on the table, within easy reach. Lots more was arranged on other tables but you had to stand up to get something. If someone was getting up to get something you could always ask them to bring something back. People would come and go. Cousins would stay for awhile then they would be off to another party somewhere. Uncles and aunties talking story, I wish I had asked questions and listened to the stories they were telling. The uncles and aunties of that time are gone now. Those gatherings are wonderful memories that still bring feelings of family and belonging. Much has happened since those halcyon days.

At a recent conference I was asked if the way I presented Jodo Shinshu might be discouraging for young people. I had just stated the importance of Amida's vow deepens as we recognize our imperfections. When I was growing up I used to think Jodo Shinshu was for old people. Going to Sunday School or joining the YBA was different. That was to have fun. Jodo Shinshu was about going to the Pureland when I died. At least that's how I thought about it. And if we young people were going to be seriously involved things would have to change. The Hongwanji would have to become relevant. I should have been paying closer attention. Maybe that was not possible. Things had to change.

Most ministers are far more knowledgeable than I am. My knowledge follows a track that began a long time ago. When I read through my writings, it's there. Maybe not very clear but in bits and pieces what forms my understanding is there. But it's a bit like "which comes first the chicken or the egg?." Did the bits and pieces bring me to an understanding or is my understanding defined by the small collection of bits and pieces? However uncertain my studies have been I take heart in the example of the myokonin whose appreciation of the Nembutsu is simply possible.

Whether young or old there is no difference in what the Nembutsu is. How we view the Nembutsu can change how we engage the world. I am changed. Not the world. Not the Nembutsu. Perhaps my understanding that Jodo Shinshu is not just for old people is only because I find I have somehow become an older person. Is my appreciation of the Nembutsu now because I am now older or is it because I am older now that I appreciate the Nembutsu?

"Bakatare", reflections on Ego

by: Rev. Etsuko Mikame

I know there are some famous Japanese words in this Japanese American society. "Bakatare" which means fool or idiot is one of those. I was very surprised when I heard people saying "Bakatare" because I didn't expect that they knew this word. I remembered that my grandma had told me "Bakatare!" harshly only once when she really got angry when I brought some flowers from my temple member's garden when I was little. She thought I stole the flowers from their garden and scolded me, but they actually gave them to me to have me offer those to the altar in the temple. Poor little me ...

There is a similar word to "Bakatare" in Zen vocabulary which was used during their practice. I am not sure if this word is still commonly used at their practices but, it is "Tanpankan(担板漢)" which means simply to say "Bakatare". This is the word that the Zen masters used to scold the Zen practitioners to encourage them to attain enlightenment.

The literal meaning of "Tanpankan(担板漢)" is a man who carries a board. What is this kind of board? It is a wide board. Here is a background story in China of this word. A man visited his friend living in the suburbs while carrying the board on his shoulder. On his way, he was looking around the town and wondering why there were houses only on one side of the street in the town. When he arrived at his friend's house, the man asked him about it. The friend said, "no, that's not right. Houses are supposed to be built on both sides of the roads." The man dug in his heels and said "no, I really saw the houses only on one side of the town." After thinking about it, the man realized that he was carrying a board and couldn't see the other side of the street. It is kind of a funny story, but if you carry something on you right shoulder, you can see only the left side, but you cannot see the right side. On the other hand, the same with other side. Hereafter, people started calling a person who can see only one side of the thing or has a narrow perspective as "Tanpankan." And this word got adopted into Zen culture and this was used as the word for the Zen Masters to warn the practitioners of their immaturity and their stupidity that doesn't look at the big picture in order to encourage their disciples to be aware of the situation and take the obstruction down and open their hearts.

I think "Tanpankan" is a great Zen word of encouragement because this includes the compassionate heart of the master who wishes for the practitioners' growth and true awakening.

Looking back at our own lives through this story, I thought that it is no laughing matter to tease people in this way because it happens to us as well.

We might accidentally hurt others with our words or behaviors while we cannot see everything.

We tend to pretend to know as if we knew everything despite seeing only one side. The further our study goes, or the more experience we get, the more we tend to pretend to be smart, and the more we stick to our one-sided thinking, the more we separate ourselves from the world, and higher and the taller the board becomes which we carry on our shoulders. We can say that this shows us how we live as well.

Maybe we would ignore the people saying "Tanpankan" to such a cocky person even if they wanted to correct us because we will never realize our own true nature by ourselves.

Seeing the world through the wisdom and compassion of Buddhism which is beyond our experience and understanding, we will be able to deeply realize how nurtured our lives are with many causes and conditions which makes us who we are and how "Tanpankan" our way of seeing, thinking and living are in such a tiny ego. Dharma makes us take off the board from our shoulders and see the world as it is openly.

From Shinran Shonin's letter called "Lamp for the Latter Ages," he recalls his late master Honen's word to him and cited it in his letter, "Persons of the Pure Land tradition attain birth in the Pure Land by becoming their foolish selves."

Normally, people expect to become smarter and better by learning the teaching of Buddhism because they can obtain the Buddha's excellent wisdom and compassion. Honen Shonin told Shinran Shonin the opposite thing like saying "to become a foolish self." If you think you have already become a smarter and better person, you may have mistaken the teachings. But the teaching is not telling you to become a crazy person. But it is more mindful self-reflection.

This ego or self-attachment is the cause of suffering and the seed of us which makes us "Bakatare" or "Tanpankan" and which is also the very reason why Amida Buddha assures and nurtures each of us for our entire lives without abandoning anyone.

2022 Office Hours

Beginning January 2022 the San Jose Betsuin office hours will be extended on Fridays to better serve the Sangha and Betsuin Organizations. We'll be open until 6:00pm on Fridays.

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm

Friday 8:30am-6:00pm

Saturday - Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm

Japanese Article

by: Etsuko Mikame

師走だより



皆さんは最近いつ涙を流しましたか？ちなみに私が一番最近泣いたのずっと観ていた韓国ドラマの最終回を見た時です。

私は結構泣き虫なので、感動的な映画を見たときや、ありがたい出会いをしたとき、温かい言葉をかけてもらったりしただけで割とすぐに感動して涙を流してしまいます。

以前、そのような泣き虫な私に友人が「涙が流れることはいいことだよ。それは感情が豊かな証拠だから」と教えてくれました。ひと口に「涙」といっても、いろいろあります。私たちの目の乾燥を防ぐための涙や、目に入ったゴミを押し流そうとして出る涙などもそのひとつです。

これらの涙は、身体を保護しようとする生理的な働きです。感情とはあまり関係ありません。

感情を伴った涙も、悲しいときに流れる涙、怒りに震えるときに流れる涙などいろいろあります。実は生理的に出る涙と、感情を伴った涙は成分が少し違うそうです。

涙を詳しく調べてみると、感情によって流れる涙の味が違うようです。悔しいときや怒りが収まらない時などは、感情がぐんと高まり、興奮して涙はしょっぱい味に、うれしくて心身ともにリラックスしていると反対に水っぽい味になるそうです。また、感情によって流れる涙には、癒やしの成分も一緒に分泌されているのだそうです。確かに、悲しみの涙も、怒りの涙も、悔し涙も、涙を流したあとは多少なりとも気分がすっきりしますよね。

かつて自分もそうだったことを忘れてしまっているが、特に大人は「赤ちゃんや子どもにはストレスがない」と考えてしまいがちです。

しかし、そうではありません。赤ちゃんもストレスを感じて泣くことがあります。

そのとき、その涙を無理に押しとどめたり、放っておくと、その後の成長に悪影響を及ぼすことがあるといえます。安心して泣かせてあげるといことが、赤ちゃんには一番良いのです。

大人たちもまた「泣くことが許される場所」こそが、本当に安心できる場所なのではないでしょうか。

浄土真宗の仏さまは、阿弥陀如来という仏さまです。

「あなたの悲しみは私の悲しみです。あなたを決してひとりぼっちにすることはありません」とおっしゃってくださる仏さまです。

「愚痴をこぼし、涙を流す私」「怒りに苛まれ涙を流す私」「もはや涙も流れず疲れ果てて立ち尽くす私」、そうした私をそのままじっと抱きしめてくださる仏さまです。

その仏さまの温かい慈悲のところが、「南無阿弥陀仏」の声となって私たちの命のうえにはたいてくださっています。

「安心して泣いていける」、そんな豊かないのちの居場所が与えられるのが、浄土真宗の人生です。私は落ち込んだ時、しずかに仏様の前に座って過ごすことが好きです。何を言っ下さるわけではないですが、苦しいまま、ままならない私をそのまま受け止めて下さるようなそのような温かいまなざしを感じます。（合掌 三瓶 拜）



President's Message

by: Steve Onishi

Hard to believe, but it's almost time to "close the book" on 2021! Of course, the book on 2021 is going to be pretty thin. We were not able to do most of the usual things/hold the usual events that we would normally do every year. However, that doesn't mean we didn't accomplish anything this year.

We were able to take advantage of the lull in activities and have the entire gym floor resurfaced. This involved sanding the floor down to bare wood, refinishing the surface and adding new line markings (including 2 three-point lines). Coupled with the previous work completed during Phase1, it looks like an entirely new gym! This process took 4 weeks to complete ... free weeks that are not normally available.

Improvements were also made to our weekly Sunday service broadcasts. The broadcasts are now produced by a group of volunteers. Previously, in addition to running the service and giving a sermon, either Rinban Sakamoto or Reverend Mikame had to produce the program in addition to their other duties. This eliminates this stress/task from them. This process will be undergoing further improvements as the current system was not originally set up for this purpose.

The one large, in-person event that we held was the weekend of Sangha Summer and Obon@Home Mo Ichido. Both events required many dedicated volunteers to both plan and make the events come to fruition. I hope that you got the opportunity to buy a bento, see some short performances and then view our online Obon event once again.

We continue to monitor the improving COVID situation in Santa Clara County. The re-opening committee has begun to allow some small gatherings indoors while following strict capacity limitations. Small funerals/memorial services are now being held in the Hondo (however, no Otoki). The plan is to begin holding in-person Dharma School and Japanese Language School classes early next year. Things are certainly beginning to look up.

Progress on Generations Phase 2 were slowed this year, though not necessarily due to COVID. However, the pace is now picking up as we have solidified our team. You can read more about this in Dennis Akizuki's article later in this edition of the Dharma. You can also hear more about it at this year's Betsuin Annual Meeting on Sunday Dec. 5th, right after the Bodhi Day Service. More information will follow.

It was certainly an historic year, not only for us, but the entire world! We need to keep that in perspective. Our missing a few services and events (ok, maybe more than a few) is pretty minor when compared to the misfortunes of many others. I want to thank everyone for your continued patience as we, hopefully, begin to turn the corner.

In Gassho,

Steve

Generations Capital Campaign

Phase 2: Update

by Dennis Akizuki

2022 is shaping up to be a big year for the Generations Phase 2 project, which will replace the current Education Building with a new facility for Lotus Preschool, Dharma School, Japanese Language School, Scouts, and other community organizations.

Here is a sampling of what lies ahead next year:

- A new development plan that will be shared with the Sangha.
- Official launch of a more active fundraising campaign.
- Presentation of a preliminary proposal to the city of San Jose and the start of discussions with the planning department.

As you know, the current Education Building is more than 60 years old. It antiquated, lacks modern security and high tech features, and could be dangerous in an earthquake.

Our goal is to replace the Education Building with a safe, secure and modern facility that will serve the Betsuin and larger Japantown community, with the potential for event and meeting rentals that will provide the temple with new and recurring revenue. It will be safe, secure, energy efficient and with a low carbon footprint, meaning it will reduce the amount of carbon produced during the construction and operation of the new facility.

Rinban Sakamoto says the new center will be “a place where all who seek to hear and practice the Dharma are welcome” and will build on the legacy of the Issei (first generation Japanese Americans) who built the temple 120 years ago.

So far, we’ve raised about \$2.5 million for the project. Our preliminary budget is estimated to be \$10 million-\$12 million, which is subject to change depending on the new plan. Currently we hope to finish the project within the next three years.

We had a setback during the summer when our architect, CAW, decided to pull out of the project. The Phase 2 Committee hired a new project manager, Michael Charney of Spectrum Project Management Group. Michael earned two degrees from MIT, including a master’s degree in architecture. He has more than 25 years of experience in construction and project management in the South Bay.

Michael quickly and very ably identified San Jose-based architects for us to consider. Five of them submitted bids to become our new architect, with all of them costing substantially less money – hundreds of thousands of dollars less – than we were anticipating earlier in the year.

The committee narrowed the list of five down to two finalists: Aedis Architects and Habitec Architecture and Interior Design. The committee interviewed the two firms on Oct. 19, each for an hour on Zoom. Participating in the interviews were Steve Onishi, Dean Osaki, Adam Sweeney, Rinban Sakamoto, Ray Matsumoto, Rev. Mikame, Janice Doi, Joyce Iwasaki and Dennis Akizuki.

Aedis was the clear choice because of its broad experience designing school facilities; their engaging, well-organized presentation; and ability during the interview to make a connection with committee members.

"I am very excited by the addition of Michael and Aedis to our current Phase 2 committee," said temple President Steve Onishi. "We now have the proper foundation to begin to move forward with our goal of creating a new and modern facility for the Sangha."

Aedis has been in business for 70 years and is a minority-owned firm. One of their projects was in the news recently, the Vietnamese American Service Center that opened last month in San Jose. The firm has a lot of experience dealing with the city of San Jose, including designing the new Cedar Grove Elementary School in San Jose, an addition to the Escuela Popular Charter School in San Jose and the Cambrian Community Center.

As part of the project, we will consider an alternative building material that is a type of laminated timber. We have not made a final decision on this, but there are a number of advantages to using cross laminated timber. Construction would take several months rather than the year-plus with traditional steel and concrete materials. It will also be a cheaper construction cost and lessen the length of the disruption to Betsuin activities such as Lotus Preschool, Dharma School, Japanese Language School and Boy Scouts.

Aedis's goal will be to design a project that is net zero energy, which means energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy account for 100% of a building's energy usage. This could mean zero or very low energy bills.

Aedis has already met with Lotus Preschool and the committee met with members of the firm on Nov. 9. We anticipate having new project design options sometime early next year.

Rinban Sakamoto said: "The new building will be energy efficient. Building materials and construction are being planned with the smallest carbon footprint possible. Our project manager and architect are as enthusiastic as we are in creating a place that will be environmentally friendly and will be a safe place to share and enjoy the Dharma."

We hope all Betsuin members and community friends will recognize the importance of this project for the future and for upcoming generations and join us in support. It's our turn.

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:

Boy Scout Troop 611

by: Dennis Akizuki

It started in 1968 with 6 boys. All 11 years of age. They were the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin's first Boy Scouts.

Like all Scout groups, the new organization needed a numerical name. So the group became ... Troop 611. Since then, hundreds of boys have participated in the troop, with about 165 of them earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

"The Betsuin Scouting program is truly a wonderful resource," said Rinban Sakamoto, himself an Eagle Scout. "From its origin story of six eleven years olds forming the first troop to the mega troop that it has become Troop 611 is an organization where the importance of values and leadership has been taught. There are many places in the Betsuin that 611 is present. Many Scouts and Scout leaders are active in helping to manage or organize or provide leadership in activities of the temple."

Rinban Sakamoto got a very early introduction to the Troop when he and his family arrived at the Betsuin in 1986.

"One of the first persons I met was Scout Leader, Stan Kawamata," Rinban remembers. "He asked if I had a Scout uniform. I said no.

The next week he had prepared a Cub Scout leader uniform for me to wear. This has been my experience with 611: thoughtful, generous, welcoming."


The troop teaches the boys leadership and life skills, from first aid to time management, from cooking to teamwork. They learn to always be prepared, to be resourceful, and to appreciate the outdoors. If there is an activity at the temple, chances are Boy Scouts from Troop 611 are out front or behind the scenes helping out.

"Troop 611 is a big part of my life," says Aaron Oshidari, one of the current scouts. "I have made so many friendships, memories, and learned so many new things while being in the troop."

The troop meets the first three Wednesdays of the month on church facilities, and, from September to April, participate in one hike and/or campout per month, and attend a summer camp.

Troop 611 Scouts also participate in a wide variety of other activities, including the Nikkei Matsuri, the temple's Obon Festival and Bazaar, and the Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery Clean-up. They also perform community service such as coastal clean-up, Penitencia Creek tree planting and at the Japanese Friendship Garden.

Parents also play an important role supporting the troop, driving their sons to meetings and serving on the parent committee positions that plan activities and oversee the troop finances.



Derek Fujikawa, one of the assistant scoutmasters who himself is an Eagle Scout from Troop 611, says the troop “has meant a lot to me and my family”. His son, Colin, is a second generation Troop 611 Scout, and like his father, earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

“My time as a scout in the troop were some of the most memorable times growing up,” Derek says, “From just hanging out with my friends to camp outs at Yuki Beach, to summer camp, I made lifelong friends and learned valuable life lessons. As a parent and leader of the troop, I got to see my son and his friends grow up and turn into great young men now off to college. The troop has given me so much that I am happy to continue on as a leader even after my son has aged out.”

Derek is not alone. A number of fathers have continued to participate as adult leaders with the troop years after their sons have graduated out.

Aaron says the adults and boys are a tight-knit group, but at the same time welcoming to all newcomers.

“The troop has also taught me how to be a leader,” Aaron says. “Now being one of the older scouts, I have to step up and fulfill roles I was looking up to only a year ago, which has been a great learning experience not only for me, but for the younger scouts to see someone only a year older than them lead an entire troop.”

Like Derek, Aaron is also looking to the future of Troop 611.

Aaron says: “The troop has helped me learn so many new things that I would never have even thought about had I not joined, and I am hoping that it will provide a fun and educational experience to future scouts as well as existing ones.”

The Betsuin looks forward that future – and to the possibility of a third generation member of Troop 611.

Organization Spotlight: Boy Scout Troop 611



Buddhist Women's Association

by: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair sent well wishes to two people this past month. We hope these people are feeling better.

Do not forget to purchase lunch and or dinner at Minato Restaurant on Tuesday, December 7th and Wednesday, December 8th and Thursday, December 9th to support the BWA fundraiser. Just place an order (or several orders) for lunch and/or dinner by phoning ahead or emailing the restaurant at minatorestaurant@gmail.com on any one of the days or all the days. When you place your order, let Minato staff know that you are supporting BWA and a portion of the profit from your meal will be donated to BWA. This applies to both dine-in and take-out orders – take out is preferred. If you email your order, please make sure that you receive an email reply that your order has been received. You can see menu choices at: minatojapaneserestaurant.com. All monies made from this fundraiser will help defray the cost of our BWA members to attend the BWA World Conference in Kyoto Japan in 2023. Thank you for participating and a huge thank you to Gene and JoAnn Yoneda of Minato Restaurant. Thanks also to Joanne Akizuki and Lynda Ichinaga for organizing this event.

It is not too early to pay your BWA dues of \$15 for 2022.

Thank you, Karen Akimoto, for writing the BWA article for the November Dharma.

BWA appreciates and gives thanks to the following people for their generous donation to the organization:

General donation from Jane Sakino and the Family of Sumiko Santo.

Kenneth Furukawa and Joyce Yamamoto donated to support the R&J Toffee sale with funds going to the 2023 World Conference.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and see you in 2022!

Jr. YBA

by: Cassidy Yoneda

We ended the first week of November with both a cabinet and general meeting, followed by skit practice. We are practicing for a recorded performance to be shown during Sunday services. In October, some of the members went to Great America to attend Halloween Haunt. Some of the activities we are looking forward to include the return of our Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange and the Holiday Succulent Fundraiser.

Boy Scouts

by: Connor Wong

Many activities have happened over the past month including multiple hikes. One of the scouts said "I got to push a decommissioned nuclear missile into place."

They traveled to a Nike missile silo where if we were attacked, we could defend from there. They also saw the Golden Gate Bridge from where they were. October was a very cool month with the weather cooling down from the summer. The events from the month were very relaxed.

Sangha Crafters

by: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

Sangha Crafters

Betty Kinoshita/Tomi Imokawa

December already, in some ways it seems like a short time in other ways forever. Hope 2022 will be more open and feel comfortable getting around. It is great the Crafters have been able to meeting monthly in the parking lot to exchange completed and to be done crafts.

Thanks to all who participate and welcome to those who would like to join us. Project Linus continues to provide us with fleece kits. Crafters' work is beautifully done to complete the blankets and then distributed to hospitals and agencies that provide care to babies, children and teens. Scarves are provided to agencies that service the community, homeless shelter and family shelter. Thanks to all who provide their time and talent.

Next gathering is Friday Dec 3 at 11A Temple parking lot.

Any questions, suggestions, idea or comments: bettyjc@sbcglobal.net or Georgetomi@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Pack 611

By: Den 1 Leaders

The Bear Scouts welcomed two new members and are off to an exciting new year of scouting. Not only have the boys worked hard towards advancing, they have taken on the responsibility of putting on this year's Cub Scouts Winter Carnival. As part of the festivities, the Bear Scouts are organizing a toy drive for Toys for Tots. On December 10, 2021, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., the Bears will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for newborns to children 14 years of age at the Betsuin's gym. If you are able to donate, please avoid plush toys or games that require a secondary device. Thank you for your support in advance. Below are some highlights from the first half of the Bear's scout year.

This year we have 2 new scouts - Brenden and Monroe. At our last pack meeting we did Trunk or Treat for Halloween, and we finally won the best den yell award! My favorite adventure is when we built tool boxes and planter boxes. - Bryson I

My favorite scouting activity this year was getting to talk to Captain Sakurai who is a police officer and firefighter. I liked learning how firefighters protect themselves from fire and seeing how a taser works. -Clinton Y.

I really like having real life scout meetings. I also liked building the planter and tool box because I now have more experience with tools. - Colin H.

I made a planter box and a tool box. It was fun working with the hammer. - Brenden R.

I enjoyed making a planter box with my dad, trunk-or-treating and talking to the fire and policeman. - Parker N.

I have had fun this year in scouts because I like projects and collecting badges. -Monroe I.

My favorite activity this year was making a toolbox and a planter box. I like this because now I can make something new and help my dad build stuff. I also could use the planter box to plant new things I have never planted. -Kenzo O.

EcoSangha: Turning The Table To Learn From Our Lotus Preschoolers!

by: Lynne Yamaichi

Let's make a pact to commit to reducing the amount of disposable, single use plastic baggies that are thrown away daily. Despite the convenience of using plastic baggies, we can make a positive impact on the environment if we work together.

The Betsuin's Lotus Preschool families are doing their part! The children and their parents are using lunchboxes that are stainless steel or bento style containers which many now are sustainable and BPA-free. Bentgo states on their website that "Bentgo user can keep 540 plastic sandwich bags out of our landfills each year." That is a lot! Children love their oishii bentos daily!

Lotus children also use bags/pouches that are healthier alternatives to plastic bags – materials are now food safe, free of BPA and lead, and recyclable. Some can be made of pure platinum silicone and are PBA-free as well. Look how fun lunch can be!

Together we can make an impact by caring for our Planet! All hands in! Let's do It!



Volunteer Recognition 2020-2021

By Terry Oshidari

Kelvin Kamachi nominated for repairing the handrail on the stairway to the Hondo at the handicapped entrance. Submitted by Lee Uyeda

Lee Uyeda, Deborah Aso & Lotus Preschool nominated the "Masked Men" (Ted Hashiguchi, Alvin Hironaga, Stan Kawamata, Mike Mori, Dave Pascual, and Bob Terasaki), who used the Covid lockdown to take on the Garden Landscape Project featured in the January 2021 Dharma. Not only did they beautify and make the area in front of the Hondo and office building safer, but they also built benches and made the area more open and comfortable. They also repaired the bridge in the garden, cleaned and updated the benches in front of the Education Building, cleaned and cleared out the basement of the Hondo, reorganized the tools in the workshop, cleaned out the plants in front of the Education Building, creating a containment border with stepping stones. Their projects brought volunteers from the Boy Scouts and many other dedicated volunteers out to help

Betsuin Choir nominated Aiko & Ben Yep for their outstanding work producing the video of the choir singing "I Am a Link in The Golden Chain," combining individual videos into a group performance. They have also produced additional videos, including "Ondokusan II" and "In Lumbini's Garden," which are used in the Sunday morning services and were also included in the Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference. Submitted by Paul Endo

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



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~

A few years ago, I attended many, many meetings about what was happening in the City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara and the State of California in terms of the overall economy. All of this, of course, was supposed to relate to businesses across the board, large and small and to individual consumers as well as consumers in statistically larger groups and as grouped according to various hallmarks such as gender, age, families, single parents, students, independent adults, income brackets, amount of disposable income, homeowners, renters and more.

As presentations were given and discussions continued, this term “the internet of things” was often used in multiple ways. The first way, and actual meaning was about the connection of physical ‘things’ or pieces or objects embedded in other various ‘things’ that create communication through use of the abilities (to connect and exchange data) over the internet or other networks.

Here’s the Wikipedia short explanation: “The Internet of things (IoT) describes physical objects (or groups of such objects) that are embedded with sensors, processing ability, software, and other technologies, and that connect and exchange data with other devices and systems over the Internet or other communications networks.”

And I thought, I wonder if this application of networking, communication and exchange came from a deeper sort of human/non-human network or communication system? Rather than the opposite, that nature overlaps with human invention. Isn’t it actually the opposite? Sometimes, human thought actually derives from a study of the natural world.

In learning about gardening and Japanese gardens through the past 18 months (or maybe more), I think of this statement, made during one seminar. This was a comment made by Japanese master landscaper, architect, builder, horticulturalist, designer, gardener Mr. Hoichi Kurisu, (<http://kurisu.com>) who stated simply, “You either go with nature or go against nature. Either way, nature will win. It’s better to go with nature and do what you can.”

I believe indigenous peoples did exactly this. They created stories to explain why and when they couldn’t understand, be it phenomena or occurrences, benefits or hardships. And those stories instructed them as to the best way to exist along with those events. The knowledge and wisdom of these experiences were passed

down from generation to generation, each generation adapting and understanding that they might need to do things the same way or differently in order to keep their environments or “worlds” providing the most beneficial outcomes possible. They also knew that they couldn’t counter a massive, giant wave or a volcano spewing lava over their homes. They knew a great tide could pull them away to sea rather than deliver them to safety on a beach. And they knew that they needed rain as well as sunshine for plants to grow in order to harvest them for food. They knew that there was a food chain and an ecosystem that, if interrupted, would kill them and the land.

This was commonly known cause and effect, ‘common sense’, something we may be in dire need of these days. As humans become more separated from the need to care for the land, huddled together in human made buildings using indiscriminately, resources of the land, we also become further away from the knowledge and sensibilities we need to care for ourselves and that which keeps us in balance with which we coexist.

And so, we come to the photos at the beginning of this article. The fierce looking carvings were meant to draw danger in and at the same time, keep it away, to let those who mean harm to know that there were spirits, beings, natural forces on guard. It is said that spirits are around us all the time. Is Santa Claus a spirit? We know he visits Hawai’i because NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) tracks the jolly one’s journey every Christmas Eve and he definitely has been there every year, at least since they started tracking him! (<https://www.noradsanta.org/>)

In the Internet of Things, I hope these types of things are remembered. The entities that guard may be made of wood, they may be human, they may be digital, they may be spiritual. The benefits and negative aspects of these will affect us whether we know it or not, but aren’t we glad there is so much besides ourselves that guide the universe? Allow the magic to enter!

Aloha no~Have a wonderful holiday season!
Melekalikimaka and Hau’oli Makahikihou!

‘A ‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia

Mālama Honua Namō Amida Butsu

Kathy

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

Qigong's Zoom Schedule for December 2021 & January 2022

Masanori Saito felt it was important to continue pandemic precautions & offer classes via Zoom through the winter months. We're now hearing of an uptick of Covid 19 cases so we appreciate being able to join Masa's classes from the safety of our homes. His Qigong classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. His fee is \$5. per person, per class. You can pay by PayPal or with a check to his Union City address. There's plenty of room in his classes so feel free to invite your family & friends to give Qigong a try!

Note: There's a new update to paying by PayPal. Please read Masa's message below.

This is the holiday season, and there will be no classes on Christmas (12/25) and New Year's (1/1).

PayPal accounts can now be searched by email address as well as phone number.

E-mail kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net or 408-332-4608 (Masanori Naito)

Thank you,
Masa

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

Questions about Qigong movements can be directed to the instructor Masa Naito, kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net
Other questions or concerns can be sent to Jeanne Nakano jmnakano@sbcglobal.net

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class Dec – Jan Every week on Wed, Mon, Fri, Sat, until Jan 31, 2022, 34 occurrence(s)

Time: 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Dec 1, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 3, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 3, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 5, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 4, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 7, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 6, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 8, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 8, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 10, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 10, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 12, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 11, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 14, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 13, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 15, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 15, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 17, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 17, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 19, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 18, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 21, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 20, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 22, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 22, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 24, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 24, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 26, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 27, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 28, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 29, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 29, 2022 09:30 AM
Dec 31, 2021 09:30 AM	Jan 31, 2022 09:30 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/98tyKuGtrjorGteXth2ERpwMAoj4d_TztnpdgrdbxRLWMQ56RzbSAsZKY4pTQ9fX

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011032643?pwd=MU9NM3U1M3JXdwXkSS9mdng3R0h5UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1103 2643
Passcode: 487212

Keiro Kai at Home

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN



Share in the celebration...
slideshow presentation now on the Betsuin website!

submitted by Keiro Kai Committee

Keiro Kai is a celebration to honor our elders for their contributions, wisdom and strength in building a legacy for our families and the wonderful community we all share.

This year's **Keiro Kai at Home** celebration was held on Saturday, November 20, with delivered gifts of fresh produce, some favorite local treats and a collection of beautiful and useful items. While we hope our Honorees are enjoying their gifts, the best part of Keiro Kai is the time spent visiting everyone and getting the chance to catch up. For many of us, this has been a long and lonely time and being able to see our friends is invaluable!

The virtual portion of Keiro Kai is a slideshow...photos taken during our visits and others submitted by the Honorees to show what they have been up to over the past year. **Take a moment to share in this celebration!** You can view the slideshow via the Betsuin website at:

<https://www.sjbetsuin.org>

In an effort to support our local community, this year's Keiro Kai Honoree gifts included items from local growers, businesses and artists. We would like to share a bit of their backgrounds and work within our community. We truly appreciate their roles in keeping our community healthy, strong and beautiful.

Hikari Farms (fresh organic fruits and vegetables)

In 1956, Akira Nagamine, came to the United States with less than \$25 in his pocket, but with a rich family heritage deeply rooted in agriculture, and plenty of valuable farming knowledge passed down from past generations in Kagoshima, Japan. By 1962 he was able to purchase 6 acres of land in the Pajaro Valley and a few years later established A. Nagamine Nursery, specializing in flowers. He and his wife raised three children on the farm and were able to send all of them through college - a dream come true.

As the decades passed, however, the landscape for small, independent growers changed as well. In 2014, with plans to close down the farm, Akira began farming small patches of organic Japanese vegetables. From this, a new era for Hikari Farms began with Janet Nagamine, his daughter who is an internal medicine doctor, decided with the family to continue to grow healthy, sustainable products. Janet became the CEO, CFO, and delivery driver when she started.

Janet also helped revive a 30-year-old tradition which works to strengthen their relationship with Japan through trainee programs, seed programs, and preserving the regional foods of Kagoshima, Japan.

We are proud to bring our Keiro healthy, organic, sustainably-grown fruits and vegetables this year.

Mariani Family Packing Company (Mariani Salad Toppers)

In 1906, Paul Mariani, left his hometown in Croatia and sailed to the United States, to create the life of his dreams. He married his high school sweetheart, Victoria, bought their first orchard and started the Mariani Dried Fruit Company, perfecting innovative technology of drying fruit. Today, Mariani Family Packing is a global company bringing real, wholesome, plant-based food to enjoy.

A heartwarming connection to our community, the Mariani Company welcomed Japanese American families during the resettlement period after World War II. They hired many victims of incarceration during this difficult time in our community's history.

Now in their fourth generation, 7 working family members and over 450 Mariani employees remain committed to quality, innovation, and passing these values to the next generation. Focused on the impact that real, whole, plant based food can have on the health of our families, their mission is to make the world's best dried fruit so that you and your family can make real, nutrient-rich food the fuel for your life.

Shuei-Do Manju Shop (green tea and oink habutai manju)

Tom and Judy Kumamaru, the owners at Shuei-Do in San Jose Japantown, specialize in manju, mochi and chichi dango. Their kitchen is tiny, packed with ancient copper kettles, giant steaming baskets, a baker's oven and a simple wooden table for assembly. The two of them move with steady, practiced ease: pinching off the mochi paste, pressing with fingers to make a space for the filling.

The Kumamarus didn't start out in sweets. Judy was a dental technician and Tom worked for an electronics company. Judy's parents were friends with the original husband-and-wife team, the Ozawas, who launched Shuei-Do Manju Shop in 1953. So when they were ready to retire, in the late 1980s, Judy's parents lined up a transfer of ownership.

In a world where some manju can be prettier to look at than tasty to eat, it matters to the Kumamarus that their preservative-free, "country-style" manju tastes the way it should: soft, fresh and not too sweet. They are so particular and focused on quality, they ask relatives in Japan to ship them specialty ingredients that aren't available in the U.S. The lines down Jackson Street are proof of their dedication to this culinary art.

Momo-Cha and Friends (greeting cards featuring chalk art)

Momo Cha is a second generation Japanese American artist and designer. She is a Bay Area local and graduated from San Jose State University in 2012 with a bachelor's in Graphic Design and Japanese Language. Momo specializes in a style of art called street painting or also known as chalk drawing where artists create their art on the street with chalk pastels. She started in street painting in 2003 when she was in high school after being encouraged by her art teacher to expand beyond her comfort zones and try something new. Since then, she has participated in art festivals all over California.

With the pandemic, festivals were canceled and so thanks to the Betsuin, Momo has been able to continue her creative street paintings in front of the garden, depicting various aspects of Japanese culture. To see more of Momo's work, please go to momo-cha.com.

The collection of prints includes works by artist friends Yurika Chiba and Addi Miyako.

Betsuin Sangha Crafters (Bottle and jar openers)

A Betsuin organization, the Sangha Crafters are made up of many creative people who share their handiness to make beautiful and useful items such as those sold during the annual Obon Festival. The money raised during Obon is used to make other items such as potholders and quilts for community fundraisers, knitted items like scarves and winter caps for persons in need, and baby blankets and infant caps for babies in the NICU of local hospitals.

The mobility and handiness of the openers included in our Keiro Kai gifts will assist in opening water bottles to mason jars. It is made of a soft rubbery material that is easily contoured to fit over most lids and helps to secure a non-slip grip.

New Crosswalk Safety Lights



If you've been to the Betsuin or Japantown recently you may have noticed the new mid-street crosswalk safety lights the City of San Jose installed more than a month ago.

Please be sure to cross cautiously even when using the crosswalk safety lights.

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: _____

Changes in January Dharma

Submitted by Randy Suzuki

The newsletter acknowledgements section has been different since the pandemic. We have good news! In the January 2022 issue of “the Dharma”, we’ll be listing donations with donation amounts again. If you would like your donations listed anonymously and/or with the amount private, please let us know when submitting your donation. Keep in mind that our newsletter is electronic and is available on the website.

Donations

**The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.
October 18, 2021 to November 11, 2021**

Donations

San Jose Betsuin Jr. YBA
Shirley Kodani
Anonymous
Shirley Kodani
Shirley Kodani

In Honor of the Virtual Japantown Tour
San Jose Notre Dame

*In Honor of Viva Calle & Halloween in Japantown
pedicab use*
San Jose Taiko

In Honor of bollard use for Halloween in Japantown
San Jose Taiko

Funerals

In Memory of Fred Yamada
Miwako Yamada
Mutsuko Yamada, Jason & Janet Yamada & Family, Ann
& Bon Gotuaco & Family
Friends at Talismen
Michiko Itatani
George & Shizuka Hanada

In Memory of Roy Yamada

Mutsuko Yamada, Jason & Janet Yamada & Family, Ann
& Bon Gotuaco & Family

In Memory of Jesse Tao

Glenn, Kawai, Kylie, & Reyn Tao
Janet Tao
Bonny, George, & Lindsay Oto
Betsy Tao
Steve, Anne, Alyssa, Teaghan, Tovaiyay Tao
Hiroko & Masao Kuwano
Shizuko Nakao
Keiko & Albert Yamauchi
Janice & Steven Doi
Karen & Alvin Hironaga
San Jose Buddhist Women’s Association
Phyllis Sugimoto
Karen & Steve Akimoto
Michael & Elaine Jones
San Jose Betsuin Choir
Paula & Dallas Kanagawa
Linda & Akira Iwasaki
Tomie Nishimura
Georgia & George Sakai
Sachiko Endo
Tsuyaye Nakao
Alice & Bobby Sano & Family

In Memory of Benjamin Shinseki
Lloyd & Helen Watanabe

Memorial Service

In Memory of Hideko Aoji
Yoichi Nioka

In Memory of Satsuki Santo
The Family of Satsuki Santo
Irene Hirota
Norris & Teri Hirota

In Memory of William Hamada
Frances Hamada & Family

In Memory of Patty Kogura
Tee Kogura & Family

In Memory of Margaret Watanabe
Craig & Camille Pietrow

In Memory of Terrie Mayeda
The Family of Terrie Mayeda

In Memory of Fred Yamada
Miwako Yamada

In Memory of Manabu Mineishi
The Mineishi Family

In Memory of David Gibson
The Gibson Family

In Memory of George & Alice Santo
Kenneth & Lin Santo
Greg & Marlene Aso

In Memory of David Aso
Greg, Marlene, & Deborah Aso

Memorial Donation

In Memory of Polly Sakamoto
Craig Sakamoto

In Memory of Lillian Kanzaki
Caroline Swanson

In Memory of Rev. Nishimura
Carolyn Misumi

2021 Keiro Kai @ Home

Ed & Sachi Urata
Larry & Yvonne Namekata
Jim and Susan McClure
Ray & Lucy Matusmoto
Emi Tsutsumi
Diane Hurd
Phyllis Sugimoto
Y. Murata
Joyce Yamamoto
Nancy Jo Osaki
Ann Tanaka

In Honor of Irene Hirota
Norris & Teri Hirota

In Honor of Nozomu Iwasaki
Stella Iwasaki

Minna no Mura

*In Appreciation of Minna no Mura Coming Out,
Coming Home*
George & Lynne Yamaichi

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

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

[illegible]

Total Quantity of Each Item

TOTAL

2021 Winter Fundraising

Please fill out form completely.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Team or Room #: _____

Total Quantity of Each Item

Amount Due

		\$25.00	1 lb Assorted Chocolates #50318
		\$49.00	2 lb Assorted Chocolates #50319
		\$25.00	1 lb Milk Chocolates #50326
		\$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 #902
		\$25.00	1 lb Toffee bites® #316
		\$24.00	1 lb 5 oz Asst. Lollipops #296
		\$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 #360
		\$10.00	3.5 oz Merry Gnomes Box #7469
\$			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!!!

Upcoming Services:

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

Friday, December 31, 2021 - Joya E Service at 7:30pm
– Virtual Service

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