



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

BWA Fuse no Hi – VIRTUAL

Sunday, January 30, 2022 @ 10:00am

Boy Scout Sunday - VIRTUAL

Sunday, February 13, 2022 @ 10:00am

Nirvana Day Service – VIRTUAL

Sunday, February 20, 2022 @ 9:30am & 10:10am

Office will be Closed on the following date:

Monday, February 21, 2021

The Tragedy at Rajagriha

By: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

Long, long time ago in a palace far, far away a prince killed his father and intended to kill his mother. The Prince was Ajatasatru; the King, Bimbisara; and the Queen, Vaidehi. There are two other key figures in this event, Devadatta, Sakyamuni Buddha's cousin and Sakyamuni Buddha.

Seventeen centuries later in the first paragraph of the Preface of his major, Kyogyoshinsho, Shinran refers to Devadatta, Ajatasatru and Vaidehi.

“In their selfless love, these incarnated one - Devadatta, Ajatasatru, Vaidehi - all aspired to save the multitudes of beings from pain and affliction “

It is difficult for me to think about the actions of Devadatta and Ajatasatru as “selfless love”. Ajatasatru conspired with Devadatta to kill his own father and imprison his mother. Although, the conditions led Vaidehi to seek the instructions of Sakyamuni Buddha he would have come if simply asked. Yet, Shinran considered their actions essential to the instructions of Sakyamuni. The serious circumstances of Vaidehi gives absolute focus to the instructions of Sakyamuni.

How do we reconcile Ajatasatru killing his father and Shinran's description of his selfless love?

If we think with our modern Western mind these two ideas are impossible to bring together. A person like Ajatasatru who killed his father to take the throne. A person who continued to annex neighboring kingdoms through war demonstrated his character through his actions. It is hard to think of Ajatasatru as a person of selfless love. There are some accounts of Ajatasatru grieving what he had done to his parents and becoming a supporter of Sakyamuni Buddha. Historically, however, we know that he continues to war with neighbors. Ajatasatru, in time, was killed by his son Udayabhadrā.

In the preface of the Kyogyoshinsho Shinran describes Ajatasatru as an “incarnated one”. In Shinran's world it was not unusual for deities to manifest themselves in human form. Eshinni thought of Shinran as a manifestation of Kannon. Although she did not share her vision with others we know from her letter to Kakushinni, many years later, that this was a treasured dream.

For Shinran there was obviously no inconsistency. Sakyamuni Buddha's instruction to Vaidehi on seeing the Pureland and Amida Buddha was the result of the actions of all who were involved. Questions and concerns are a result of my bifurcated thinking. A way of thinking that separates the world into likes and dislikes. This is the mind that creates difficulties.

In our time how do we view the world? We see differences that separate. Maybe if we can imagine deities manifest in those with whom we disagree we might engage our differences with greater openness.

The Peony flowers on our *Ranma*

By: Rev. Etsuko Mikame

What do you put in the center of `your` life? What do you rely on in `your` life?

These questions are repeatedly posed to the attendees of the services not only through the Dharma talks but also by the temple decorations. The Buddhist arts and sculptures have played an important role to lead us to question ourselves as to what Dharma has shown us for years and years. Here, I would like to share an interesting message which our *Ranma* includes, which is located above the entrance of the altar area. When you visit our *Hondo*, you can see the gorgeous sculptures of peacocks and peony flowers in our *Hondo* main hall. Although peacocks have a special meaning in Buddhism, I would like to focus on the design of peony flower here this time. These sculptures question us about what our lives take refuge in and if we have somewhere we can truly feel safe.

In Japan, the combination of certain animals and plants such as *Chinese lion* and *peony* flower, *tiger* and *bamboo* grove are popular. You can often see these combinations in *Kimono* patterns and Japanese traditional arts.

When you focus on the two animals, lion and tiger, what kind of image do you have towards those two? People say that the lion is the king of beasts because they are at the top of the food chain in the savannah, and they sometimes hunt and eat larger animals than themselves. Also, the tiger is the biggest among all the cats, intelligent and strong. Although they live alone different from lions, they are actually known as the king of the jungle. I bet nobody doubts those two have nothing that frightens them because they are the strongest in the jungle and the savannah.

OK, let's start from the tiger because we are in the year of the tiger.

Although the tiger is the strongest and the most intelligent creature in jungle, do you know its weakness? The tiger is a very ferocious animal, but it seems that it cannot be peaceful elephants because the "elephant" has a large body and live in a herd. If a tiger is attacked by an elephant, it escapes to the bamboo grove.

Elephants with their large bodies and fine tusks do not enter the bamboo grove because they don't want to ruin their important tusks. For this reason, "Bamboo and Tiger" indicates "a safe place to live."

As we say that the lion is the king of the beasts, and it has no natural enemies. But they are only afraid of a harmful insect or deceases which live or feed on the blood of mammals and eat flesh underneath the skin, which can kill a lion as well in the worst-case scenario. So, lions spend their nights under the peonies where these harmful insects die by evening dew of a peony flower. For Lions who have a fear of dying because of these pests, under the peony is the only place where they feel safe and at peace.

This is why the lion and the peony combination is common in Japanese art.

Then, now take a look at our *ranma*, I think the point is that there are peonies facing toward each of us. I believe that this is a big question to us from our ancestors and *Shinran shonin* "where is 'place of peace' for `your` life?"

Based upon the story of the tiger and the lion, here I would say that we can understand 'the place of peace' could be like a "shelter- somewhere where we can unload our sufferings, anxieties and fears which we have" and "home- somewhere we feel safe and at peace and be ourselves." But it doesn't always refer to certain places, but it can be a person who makes you feel at home and who makes you feel protected.

Just like the place of peace for the tiger is bamboo and the lion can feel safe under the peony, the place of peace for our lives could be like a shelter and home, somewhere where we can be vulnerable and free from any fears, anyone's, or our own judgement and somewhere where we will be allowed to be ourselves as we are.

We are in this world always judging others. This person is good or bad, winner or loser, rich or poor, something like that. On the contrary, it also means we are evaluated by people surrounding us. It is inevitable for us to be judged as long as we live in this world.

Also, even the person who looks perfect and strong has their own sufferings and anxieties, we just can't see it. We always manage to hide our own weaknesses and anxieties from others and show ourselves bigger than our real selves by our words and behaviors.

Looking back at how we live, I projected ourselves deeply into a lion who is regarded as a king of the savannah because we are truly not very strong like a lion but try to pretend to be stronger and bigger than others like a lion.

Going back to the peony flowers in the *ranma*, it questions us 'where is 'place of peace' for our lives?'

In *Sanbutsuge* which is commonly chanted for the services, there is a line “一切恐懼 為作いっさいくく いさ

だいあん
大安 (*Issaikuku Isadaian*) .” It means that the reason why Amida's great compassion is turning for us. Amida wished to attain enlightenment when Amida was still at the stage of Bodhisattva because Amida solely wanted to give great peace to all beings who live in fear. Amida Buddha wishes for us to be able to accept the Pure Land and his wisdom and compassion as a firm place of peace where every living thing is equally embraced beyond any comparing and discrimination without any sufferings, anxieties, and fears in our lives. The images of the Peonies on *ranma* are facing towards us. I can say it is showing us that Buddha Dharma is here for us as something we can take refuge in as the place of peace where we are allowed to be accepted as we are with our weaknesses, anxieties and fears. Just like the place of peace for the Lion is under the peonies, it is the Buddha Dharma for us.

2022 Office Hours

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

President's Message

By: Steve Onishi

Crazy to think that we are almost exactly two years into the global pandemic! Unfortunately, there are still about 25% of Americans that have not gotten and likely never will get vaccinated. These are the "it's my right" or the "government can't tell me what to do" folks. Of course, there are some legitimate reasons for not getting vaccinated, but those are few and far between. I do try to understand their thinking. America was built upon a strong independent spirit that has carried us through a couple hundred years of history. However, I hope that more people will eventually come to the realization that we are all dependent upon one another, whether we like it or not.

Speaking of interdependence, we are already nearing the end of winter. There has not been a significant amount of rain since December and do not forget that we are still in a drought! To get through this, we must again depend upon one another to conserve water whenever possible. I am affected by the guy that overwaters his lawn such that the excess water runs down the gutter. Or by the higher food prices as farmers will not be able to plant as many crops.

Serious fundraising efforts for our new Dharma School Building (Generations Phase 2) will start in the first half of 2022. The main goal of this program is to replace the current aging structure with a new, modern and safe building that will serve the Sangha for decades to come. This is yet another example of interdependence...the building is dependent upon funding by the Sangha and the Sangha is dependent upon the building to provide the facilities for continued Buddhist education and future growth of the Betsuin. There will be more information on how you can help in the near future!

So, let's all work together...get vaccinated and boosted, continue to conserve water (and hope for rain!) and look for information on how you can help with the Generations Phase 2 campaign. We are all depending on you!

In Gassho,

Steve

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS



The SJBCB Fourteenth Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at the San Jose Country Club. This event includes an 18-hole golf tournament, lunch, and dinner. This is a fun event, and we hope to have a good turnout this year! The golf tournament is a fundraiser for the Phase II Generations Capital Campaign.

Note that the number of entrants is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions so please submit your entry early.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, you may drop it off at the Betsuin office. If you are donating a gift card, please consider buying it at Yu Ai Kai so they may benefit as well.

We are also looking for Tournament and Hole Sponsorships. Thank you so much in advance and we hope to see you out there on the course!

Entry forms available in the Betsuin office or online at Sjbc@sjbetsuin.com
For more information: (408) 293-9292 or Sjbc.golf.tournament@gmail.com

COVID-19 Update:

No Changes as of 01.12.2022

By: Randy Suzuki

We're continuing to operate cautiously; the Betsuin is adhering to the following guidelines and capacity limits. The office is open on weekdays and weekends.

Office Hours & Guidelines

- Weekday Office Hours
 - Monday through Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm
 - Friday 8:30am-6:00pm
- 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.
- Masks Required

Service/Ceremony Guidelines

- Sunday services and special holiday services will remain virtual.
- 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.

Nokotsudo

- The Nokotsudo is open by advance appointment on weekdays and weekends; we'll do our best to accommodate walk-in visits.

Facility Use for all Betsuin (1.22.2022) and Community (2.1.2022) Organizations

- Indoor or outdoor meetings or events allowed (see start dates above)
- Sports not allowed.
- Contact the Betsuin office at facilities@sjbetsuin.org , or 408-293-9292 for availability, requirements, and capacity limitations.

Organization Events

- Follow Betsuin Covid safety requirements and limitations
- Indoor and outdoor crowd management team in place
- Proof of Covid Vaccination or 72 hour negative Covid test required for all volunteers and attendees

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.

Organization Spotlight:

Girl Scouts

By: Dennis Akizuki

Being a member of the temple's Girl Scout troops is about learning together and being there for each other throughout years of projects, activities and having fun.

It's been that way since the Betsuin's first Girl Scout troops were formed in 1971.

"To me, Girl Scouts is all about community and having people to rely on when I need them," said Kory, a member of a Betsuin Girl Scout troop. "I always know that my Girl Scout sisters are there for me."

Cora, a younger scout said: "I like that we can learn things together and we can always be there for each other and discover our differences. My favorite activities are doing art projects and playing games."

The Betsuin Boy Scout troop began in 1968, followed by the Cub Scouts in 1969. Roy Iwamoto, the then head of the temple youth programs, and others felt the temple should help provide similar opportunities to girls in the Sangha. He approached Ricki Miyahara, mother of two young girls at the time, to start organizing the program. Ricki was motivated by remembrances of the Scout programs at the San Francisco Buddhist Church.

Two Girl Scout troops started in 1971, the Juniors and Brownies. A Cadette troop started the following year. A Senior troop in 1977, followed by a Daisy troop in 1985 and an Ambassador troop in 2008. Currently, the Betsuin sponsors 13 troops, from kindergarten through 12th grade, with well over 100 girls and about three dozen adult leaders. The troops are open to Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike.

The temple's Girl Scout program has been a pioneer in integrating Shin Buddhism into scouting. Scouting had been a predominantly Christian-based organization, so scout leaders within the temple worked hard to establish Buddhism within scouting. The BCA already had a Boy Scout religious badge in place and Rev. Hogen Fujimoto of the BCA believed the Girls Scouts should also have one. He initially worked with Reiko Iwanaga to create the Padma Award with four levels. They wrote the requirements to correspond somewhat with the Metta and Sangha programs of the Buddhist Boy Scouts so that one teacher or minister could teach the boys and girls together. They were later joined by Jean Wilson, another Girl Scout mother and leader, who had Scout experience. Jean was instrumental in getting the badge accepted by the national organization and successfully lobbied to replace "God" in the Girl Scout Promise with a religious word of the scout's choice. Jean became the chairperson of the BCA Scout Committee and Reiko continues to serve on that board where Padma badge requirements were recently revised (to meet the current needs of a wider Buddhist community).

Reiko, another founding member of the first troops, combined the Girl Scout Law with the Six Paramitas, the six practices of a Buddhist life: Dana (giving), Sila (discipline), Ksanti (patience), Virya (Diligence), Dhyana (Concentration), and Prajna (wisdom). The scouts still recite that melding of the scouts' law and Buddhism every year. She has taught the Padma Brownie level for over 45 years and Rinban Sakamoto has taught the upper levels throughout his long tenure in San Jose.

In addition to working on scout projects, the girls participate in a wide variety of temple and community activities, providing a much needed pool of volunteers. They work on the Obon Festival and Bazaar, Church Cleanup, cleanup at Oak Hill Cemetery, Betsuin mochitsuki, Yu-Ai Kai mochitsuki and Keiro Kai, and Nikkei Matsuri. The Girl Scout groups rotate responsibility for decorating the yagura, the main stage for the Obon dancing. One time in the early years of scouting, the Girl Scouts brought Obon dancing to the Eastridge mall. And of course, the troops sell a small mountain of Girl Scout cookies every year.

Those activities leave a strong imprint on the scouts as they grow older.

Ashley, an Ambassador Girl Scout reflected on her journey through the program:

“Girl Scouts has taught me many life lessons such as money management skills from selling cookies and leadership through hosting events, but something that I will cherish forever are all of the memories I’ve made, including Bon Odori dancing at night and going ziplining with my troop. All of the activities that you get to do makes Girl Scouts so much fun!”



Organization Spotlight: Girl Scouts



SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, April 18, 2022

SAN JOSE COUNTRY CLUB

15571 ALUM ROCK AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA 95127



- Individual Medal Play Awards for Men, Women and Callaway flights
- Closest to the Pin on All Par 3s and Skins: Cash Awards for all flights
- Foursome Requests Accepted
- 11:00 a.m. Shotgun (Please Check in by 9:30 a.m.)

ENTRY: \$220.00 per Individual
 \$420.00 per Husband/Wife
 \$170.00 per Student (25 and younger)
 Entry includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Prize Fund, Skins,
 Closest to the Pin, 3 Mulligans, Lunch & Dinner

Dinner Only (Guest): \$45.00
 Special Raffle tickets (\$20 ea.) for \$4000 cash prize and 10-\$100 prizes
 Lots of other great Raffle Prizes with winners notified at end of tournament

Tournament Sponsor: \$2,000.00
 Includes: Foursome Entry Fees, Hole Sponsorship & Four Special Raffle tickets
Hole Sponsor: \$200.00 (includes 10 Raffle tickets, signage, & listing in golf program)

\$10,000.00 HOLE IN ONE (Courtesy of J. Morey Co.)
 'Hole in One' par 3 to be announced the day of the tournament

*Limited space availability due to Covid-19 restrictions! Please submit your entry early to reserve your spot.
 *We will adhere to Covid-19 protocols at all times to ensure your safety as much as possible.

•ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022•

TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP: _____	\$2,000.00	\$ _____
HOLE SPONSORSHIP: _____	\$ 200.00	\$ _____
ENTRY:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	_____ X \$ 220.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Husband/Wife	_____ X \$ 420.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (25 and younger)	_____ X \$ 170.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Only Name(s) _____	_____ X \$ 45.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Raffle Tickets	_____ X \$ 20.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Email: _____ GHIN #: _____ No Handicap: _____

Foursome:
 Name: _____ GHIN# _____ Name: _____ GHIN# _____

Name: _____ GHIN# _____ If you're willing to share a cart, please check here. _____

Please make check payable to: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin
 Mail Entry Form and Check to: San Jose Buddhist Church • 640 N. 5th St. • San Jose, CA 95112 • (408)293-9292

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin

Trip to Japan

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is planning a trip to Japan for May 2023 to attend the Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of Shinran Shonin's birth. This trip will consist of a guided tour of Japan from May 1st to May 13th with an option to extend your stay for 3 days in Kyoto.

Tentative itinerary:

- 5/1/2023 Depart from SFO for Narita on ANA
- 5/2/2023 Arrive at Narita, transfer to Tokyo, check-in to Tokyo hotel
- 5/3/2023 Either free time in Tokyo or optional sightseeing tour with lunch
- 5/4/2023 Fly from Haneda airport to Yonago airport, Matsue sightseeing (Eshima Ohashi Bridge, Yushi-en, etc.)
- 5/5/2023 Visit Oda in morning, Izumo Shrine in afternoon
- 5/6/2023 Tamatsukuri town in morning, Kurashiki tour in afternoon
- 5/7/2023 Make ceramic at Bizen Pottery, observe Japanese swordmaking
- 5/8/2023 Himeji Shosha Engyouji Temple, Himeji Castle, drive to Kyoto
- 5/9/2023 Either free time in Kyoto or optional sightseeing tour with lunch
- 5/10/2023 Service for Shinran Shonin Birth in morning, free time or attend WBWC (World Buddhist Women's Conference) in afternoon
- 5/11/2023 Either free time or attend WBWC (World Buddhist Women's Conference)
- 5/12/2023 Either free time or attend WBWC (World Buddhist Women's Conference)
- 5/13/2023 Fly from Haneda airport to SFO or option to extend stay for 3 more days & fly back to SFO on 5/16/2023

The tour price will be about \$5000/person plus travel insurance costs.

If you are interested in attending, additional information will be available soon.

Buddhist Women's Association

By: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair sent two cards last month. We hope those people are feeling better.

In January's Dharma article, I spoke about one of BWA's Service Projects for 2022 – the Malala Fund founded by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala and her father Ziauddin Yousafzai. Please support this effort by sending a check to San Jose BWA, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112. You can also donate online at the Betsuin BWA website: <https://www.sjbestuin.org/organizations/buddhist-womens-association/>

BWA's other Service Project is ABODE Services which provides safe, stable homes to those who would otherwise be homeless or at severe risk of losing their housing. BWA is collecting full-size toiletries and socks. There will be a trunk in the BWA office for donations.

Donations for the Malala and Abode Services Projects are due by March 31, 2022. In another part of the Dharma there is a flyer created by Karen Akimoto that describes both projects in more detail. By helping those in need, BWA is following in the footsteps of Lady Takeko Kujo. In the past, our projects have been successful thanks to everyone's generosity. Thank you for helping BWA.

BWA gratefully acknowledges the generous donations from the following people:

1. See's Candy Fundraiser: Emi Tsutsumi and Karen Akimoto
2. Mary Tokiwa for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto in 2023
3. General donation from Cara Miyasaki

Stay safe

Boy Scout Troop 611

By: Connor Wong

Over the past 2 months we have done many fun activities, including when we went on a 10 mile hike at windy hill, and a camp out at memorial park after hiking 10 miles at Sam McDonald Park in San Mateo. We also held TTFC, our trail to first class event where people that are trying to do merit badges and rank up do a lot of their requirements on December 30th to the 31. Overall we did many things from November to December.



San Jose Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association's 2022 Lady Takeko Kujo Service Project

BWA is continuing to follow in the footsteps of Lady Takeko Kujo in helping those in need. This past year has again been an extraordinary one with the pandemic, wildfires, job losses, and business closures.

ABODE Services provides safe, stable homes to those who would otherwise be homeless or at severe risk of losing their housing. We are collecting full-size toiletries and socks. There will be a trunk in the office for donations.

We also invite Betsuin members and friends to support the **Malala Fund**, founded by Pakistani woman and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Malala and Ziauddin Yousafzai. The Malala Fund champions every girl's right to 12 years of free, quality AND safe education. Please join us by sending a check (suggested donation \$10-\$25 or more) to San Jose BWA, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

You can also donate online at the Betsuin BWA website:

<https://www.sjbetsuin.org/organizations/buddhist-womens-association/>

We will list all donors in The Dharma newsletter.

Donation deadline is March 31, 2022.

The heart of our organization is Compassion. Thank you for your Dana.



Jr. YBA

By: Cassidy Yoneda

Our white elephant gift exchange was a success with so many members in attendance! We started the night with the filming of our skit for the church services. Be on the lookout for the video! We had a delicious dinner followed by games and our white elephant gift exchange. Thanks to everyone who participated in the skit and came to the party, it was so much fun! Looking forward to what the new year has in store!



EcoSangha: Sustainable Seafood

By: Sandy Sugie

Seafood provides nutrition for over 3 billion people around the world and is the livelihood for 60 million people. Over 179 million tons of wild and farmed seafood are harvested each year. Sustainable seafood is needed more than ever!

What is sustainable seafood? It is seafood that is caught or farmed in ways that protect the long term vitality of seafood species and the well-being of the oceans, as well as the livelihoods of fisheries. It does this by avoiding overfishing and limiting bycatch (unwanted fish and marine animals that get trapped and killed by fishing gear). It also means improving the traceability of fish from sources to markets, supporting local fisheries and eco friendly methods of fish farming. To learn more, go to www.seafoodwatch.org that lists seafood as best choice, certified, good alternatives, and avoid. We can also buy from CSF's (community supported fisheries) such as realgoodfish.com and seaforager.com

San Jose Jr. YBA
Fundraiser

Spaghetti Dinner

(Spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert)

Takeout only

San Jose Buddhist Church Gym
640 N. 5th Street, San Jose



Saturday, February 5, 2022

Order: January 16th - February 2nd

**Pick Up Times: 3:00 - 6:00 pm (30
minute time slots)**

Drive thru pickup in front of Gym

**Limited
quantities!**

**Tickets: \$10 Pre-Sale
Limited Tickets on 2/5/22**

Order early!

Dinner Raffle

\$5 Drawing tickets available for purchase at pickup

*Cash or check only (checks made out to San Jose Jr. YBA Buddhist
Church Bestuin)

Order Online at: <https://ybaspaghettidinner.eventbrite.com/>

By email: fundraising.sanjosejryba@gmail.com

Girl Scout Troop 61334

By: Troop 61334 Leaders

Over the holidays, the girls earned tree decorating and community service fun patches by making clay snowmen ornaments to decorate a mini-Christmas tree which was placed in the entrance to the Akiyama Wellness Center.



Everyone also enjoyed an outdoor holiday party and the girls got to decorate glass star ornaments using....Mop & Glo and lots of glitter!



Qigong Schedule for Feb & Mar 2022

By: Jeanne Nakano

We're fortunate to be guided by Masanori Naito who continued Zoom classes during the winter months as he had predicted Covid cases would rise during this period. We hope you remain safe & healthy with the help of his Qigong classes.

Classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. His fee is \$5. per person, per class. You can pay through his PayPal link or with a check to his Union City address. His classes are available to anyone who wishes to try Qigong & experience its benefits.

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

An important message from Masa:

There will be no class on 2/21 because I am going on a trip.

PayPal payments directly to: mnaito010@yahoo.co.jp or kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net
or Mail donations to: Masanori Naito, 33721 10th Street, Union City, CA 94587

Thank you
Masa

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class February-March

Time: Feb 2, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, until Mar 30, 2022, 32 occurrence(s)

Feb 2, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 2, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 4, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 4, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 5, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 5, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 7, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 7, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 9, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 9, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 11, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 11, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 12, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 12, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 14, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 14, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 16, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 16, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 18, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 18, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 19, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 19, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 23, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 21, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 25, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 23, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 26, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 25, 2022 09:30 AM
Feb 28, 2022 09:30 AM	Mar 26, 2022 09:30 AM
	Mar 28, 2022 09:30 AM
	Mar 30, 2022 09:30 AM

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

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlpdO-sqjMqH9z43VqozEzm23xDoqfEkEju/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGuqjgsHtCdsByPRpwABojCM-iwiFxfgvpHyEzTEi9JRxn7ZLFaFr1uFv3b>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86436448058?pwd=bSs1STRlTFImYnFObXZDMGsxMzAOQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 3644 8058

Passcode: 448850

Pledges

Pledges received December 17, 2021 to January 20, 2022

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the following families who have pledged for 2022.

Joanne Akizuki & Ron Sugiyama
Hamby & Nancy Aochi
Victoria Baxter
Erin Imai Chang & Frank Chang
Yoshiteru Deguchi
Daniel Dodobara
Diane Rocha & Wes Fujii
Robert & Linda Fujimoto
Jun & Amy Furukawa
May Gyotoku
Shozo & Kaoru Hada
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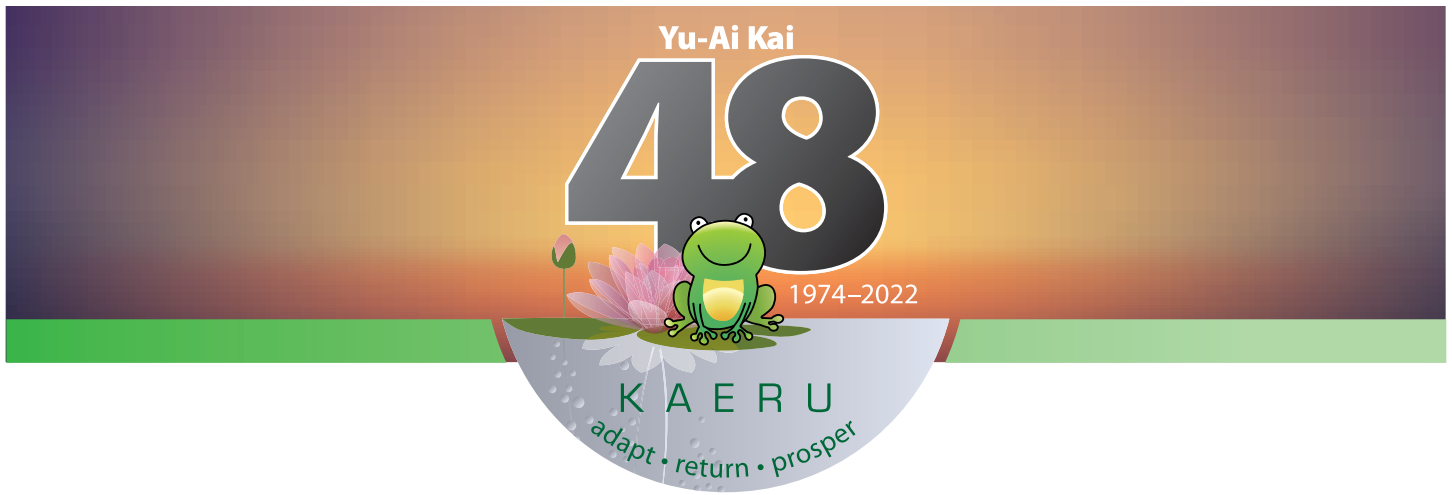
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Yu-Ai Kai's 48th Anniversary

Fundraising Event – *Kaeru: Adapt, Return, Prosper*

Please join us to celebrate Yu-Ai Kai's 48th year of service in the spirit of our little frog ("kaeru" in Japanese) - a symbol of **Adapt, Return, Prosper** as we meet whatever new challenges lie ahead, of a safe return "home" to on-site programs and events, and of the prosperity we wish for our members and the community.

In the interest of safety, we are once again commemorating this milestone with a virtual and socially-distanced fundraiser that includes:

- **Miso Glazed Beef Short Ribs (or vegetarian option Shoyu Braised Kabocha) from Chef Royce, accompanied by R&J Toffee Dessert** – Lunch/Dinner Drive-thru Bento pick-up February 15-17, 2022. Ordering opens Friday, January 14, 2022. <https://yuaikai-48th.eventbrite.com>
- **'Golden Wish' Fundraising Drive** – Online GoFundMe campaign, February 1 - 28, 2022 to raise specific funds needed for a New Water Heater rooftop installation - Estimated Cost: \$45K. <https://donorbox.org/2022-golden-wish>
Note: If our goal is exceeded, the additional funds will applied to facility repairs improvements needs.
- **JOIN US for a live Virtual Zoom Event** on February 12, 2022, 2:00 - 2:40pm
A recording of the program will be available online after the event. Registration opens Friday, January 14, 2022. <https://yuaikai-48thevent.eventbrite.com>
- **Online Auction** – Featuring unique, local and hand-made items, February 1-12. <https://www.32auctions.com/YAK48>
- **Opportunity Drawing** – Grand prize: \$1,500, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$500. Two sheets of tickets enclosed; please return no later than 1pm, Friday, February 11, 2022. Winners to be drawn on February 12 at the Virtual Event.

Yu-Ai Kai continues to provide essential services to those in need, both physically, socially and emotionally. We're serving more take-out and home-delivered healthy lunches, providing much-needed case management and social services, and providing distanced health and wellness programs. As we reopen, we hope you will appreciate the investments we've made to our facilities and operations during the shutdown.

For more event information, Opportunity Drawing tickets or Sponsorship opportunities please e-mail: BoardPresident@yuaikai.org or by calling: (408) 294-2505.

Thank you for your support,
Yu-Ai Kai 48th Anniversary Event Committee



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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Jr. YBA Spaghetti Dinner
6 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service/ Boy Scout Service	DHARMA DEADLINE	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service Nirvana Day Service	OFFICE CLOSED	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service	28					
<p>All Sunday Service are virtual right now. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzzDwOSv9YWh7nNfh1IjGw</p>						

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 30, 2022 – Fuse No Hi Service
@10:00am – Virtual

Sunday, February 13, 2022 – Boy Scout Sunday
Service @ 10:00am - Virtual

Sunday, February 20, 2022 – Nirvana Day Service @
9:30am & 10:10am – 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.

Nokotsudo Hours

Currently due to COVID-19 the Nokotsudo is available for visit by appointment only. Please call the temple office at (408) 293-9292

Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

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.

2022 Memorial Service Schedule

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Service</u>
2021	1 st Year
2020	3 rd annual
2016	7 th annual
2010	13 th annual
2006	17 th annual
1998	25 th annual
1990	33 rd annual
1973	50 th annual
1923	100 th annual

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