



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events

Girl Scout Sunday – VIRTUAL

Sunday, March 6, 2022 @ 10:00am

Boy Scout Troop 611 Family Dinner – TAKE OUT ONLY

Saturday, March 12, 2022 – SEE ATTACHED FLYER

BCA Eitaikyo Service - VIRTUAL

Sunday, March 13, 2022 @ 10:00am

Spring Ohigan Service – VIRTUAL

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

Oshoko

By: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

Many years ago oshoko was commonly translated “incense offering”. We used “offering” in many of our practices to describe an action before the Buddha. When we used to observe our Hanamatsuri service in the Annex, students would bring flowers, omanju, candles and incense offerings to be placed before Amida Buddha. When we return to in-person services we will be able to once again observe these rituals. It will wonderful to be together in the Annex. Dharma School students preparing to carry out their responsibilities. Trying to be quiet. Teachers guiding young students. Older students helping where they can. Maybe this is the offering before the Buddha; the caring interaction of people.

We changed incense offering to incense burning much as we changed Sunday School to Dharma School. Our discussion about temple or church has subsided but there are still lingering questions. Some of this result from the challenges of translating between languages. Words themselves have history. They originate somewhere and overtime may take on new meaning. The old meaning may still be present as a new meaning emerges. It's easy to see this in pop culture language. Words like “cool”, “bad” or “dude” have meaning and usage that are both original and new. You could enjoy a drink of water from the new water cooler refer to it as cool and have both meanings of cool referencing temperature as well as it being admirable. Cool!

Although we have changed the words incense offering for incense burning, like old meanings, the feelings of offering something to the Buddha may persist. Offering something to the Buddha is not wrong but it may limit our sense of the presence of the Buddha. When we make an offering what are we doing? There are at least three participants: the giver, what is being offered and that which the offering is being made to. Incense offering would be me, the incense and Buddha. I can, even with some reservation, determine that the incense and I are present but what about Buddha. Is the Buddha present where the offering is made? I think we can say that the image of Buddha represents Buddha that is everywhere. Infinite wisdom and infinite compassion that permeates everywhere. Shinran makes this reference at the beginning of the Shoshinge, “Kimyo muryoju nyorai, Namu fukashige ko” “I take refuge in the Buddha of immeasurable life and unfathomable light”. If the Buddha is immeasurable and unfathomable then Buddha is everywhere. If Buddha is everywhere then why offer in a specific location. Maybe there is another way to understand our behavior.

I once asked a Jodo Shinshu teacher if there was anyone that did not benefit from Amida's Vow. Was there anyone outside Amida's enlightenment. He replied that there was no one outside of Amida's wisdom and compassion. Wherever I am there is Amida. No matter what I do there is Amida. This causes concern because we understand what we are capable of. Amida does not change I am changed by acknowledging my imperfections and limitations and the absolute assurance of Amida that results in my enlightenment.

Buddha is not located in any particular place but when we prepare a place, whether as elaborate as our Onaijin or as simple as Gasho, we prepare ourselves to hear the dharma. One way to understand our rituals of oshoko and osonae, the placing of articles in the onaijin, is as a practice of preparing ourselves and a place to hear the dharma.

Circle and square – Living in a round earth

By: Rev. Etsuko Mikame

Just try to imagine, if you share a table with 4 people in your family or friends together, which table would you prefer, a round table or square table? I would choose maybe a square table. I know that a round table looks cute and reminds me of a trendy café in somewhere like in Paris or Italy, but we cannot put as many plates and cup on it as we can on the square one. Therefore, I personally think that the square one is more functional than the round one.

There is a difference not only in the functional aspects between the two shapes of the table, but I would say the shapes of the table might affect how we behave when we sit across the tables.

When we sit at the square table at a café or restaurant, we can easily know “the border line” between us and others and naturally separate each individual space to allow ourselves to put plates, cups, and utensils away from others because each person has each side of the square for themselves. On the contrary, when we sit at the round table, the things might be a little bit different. On the round table, it might be a little bit difficult to see each individual space because the border line which we had with others is sort of melted away. It is sometimes confusing to determine which cup is ours. I have sometimes happened to take water from my friend’s glass by mistake when I sit at the round table with many plates and cups. This kind of incident sometimes happens to others, too. So, I would say that we need to pay more attention to our own space, border line and our actions on the round table in order not to mix up our stuff with others than when we sit at the square table.

In Buddhism, if we tried to express the shape of enlightenment, what would it be like? It would be a circle. There is a Zen temple called “Genko-an” in Kyoto, Japan which displays a pair of windows which have two different shapes in its main hall.

On the right is a rectangular window that is known as the window of delusion, with each of the four corners representing the suffering mortals are destined to go through in their life: birth, old age, disease and death. Beside it is the circular window of enlightenment, whose lack of corners represents the Zen concept of Universe and enlightened life beyond pain or suffering.

A circle has an image of peace, calm and harmony as the window of enlightenment shows us, however, as we realized when we shared a round table with others, it is actually hard for us to share and live in a circle with others because we sometimes need to care about others by reading the room and sharing the space with one another. Maybe, because we are not good at this, we can have a meal more easily and comfortably with the squared one.

I would say that living in a round earth is almost the same thing as sharing a round table with others. On our big round earth, there are countless conflicts among people living here like whether we can accept the differences between us or not, whether one invades another’s borderline or not like insisting “this is mine, this is my life” or “that is yours, that is your life. it is none of your business!”

The same with sharing a round table with others, as when we have is limited and border line is vague, it might be sometimes annoying because sometimes someone’s way of eating might annoy you or your friend or family’s elbow bumps into you, but even so, we try to make an effort to have a good time with others by caring for one another.

Maybe we can say that eating on a round table is the first step of practice to live with others on this big round earth peacefully.

We try to keep a distance and separate ourselves from others like saying “this is none of your business! This is mine. This is my life.” This tendency continues to accelerate more especially because of this pandemic. But, this world is not squared like a table. We are sharing this big circular planet with everyone. Different from the squared one, a round table has a wonderful potential to allow us to accommodate more people if we can share the space and care for one another. Just like Buddha goes beyond any difference, calculation, borders, it reaches to us, extending equally its compassion to anyone, anywhere here and now. That is a round big heart which accepts anyone with the great compassion.

As Sakyamuni Buddha shows us, if we can be more mindful that we are interconnected and interdependent with each other in our lives, the borderlines which we have in between others will melt away like sharing a round table with others.

Next time when you have a chance to eat out with your friends or family, why don't you try to sit at a round table to practice living harmoniously with others?



SAVE THE DATE!

Please come out and have some fun at our 14th annual golf tournament on April 18, 2022.

The golf tournament is a fundraiser for the Phase II Generations Capital Campaign.

We will be playing at San Jose Country Club with lunch and dinner included.

If you don't play golf, no worries, as you can contribute by purchasing \$20 Special Raffle tickets (that has a \$4000 cash first prize and 10-\$100 prizes) and \$1 Raffle tickets for various prizes.

As with all raffle prizes you need not be present to win!

Thank you in advance for supporting the Generations fund benefitting the renovations to the Education Building!

If you have ideas or suggestions to improve our tournament, please contact the church office or send us an email at sjbetsuingolf@sjbetsuin.org.

In Gassho
Rinban Sakamoto

Japanese Article

By: Etsuko Mikame



弥生だより

少しずつ暖かくなってきました、少しずつ花の季節になつて参りましたね。

私たちはお仏事を営む際、本堂やお仏壇にお花を飾つてお勤めをいたします。仏さまにお供えするお花なので、「仏花」と呼びます。これは私たちから仏さまへのという思いでお供えされます。しかし、お花は供えた私の方を向いていますね。小さい頃のは、「お供え」ならば仏様の方に向けていいんだらうかと不思議に思っていました。日本のあるお寺でご法話を聞いた時、お供えの話をしていました。そのお坊さん曰く、今まで通り私の方へ向けてお供えすることで構わないということでした。でも、なぜこちらの方向に向けているのか？それは、お花を仏様にお供えた瞬間から、今度は仏花として仏さまからの、私へのご説法だと聞かせて頂くことができるのだと教えて頂きました。仏花は自らの姿を通してこのように語つてくれています。「今私はこんなにも美しい花を咲かせているけれど、必ずいつかは枯れて散つていかないといけない「諸行無常」の儚い命です。それはあなたもそうですよ。でも、その私は今きれいな花を咲かせています。私はそういう「今」を生きる身です。それはあなたもそうですよね。」

しかしそのような言葉や聞きと、このような思いを抱きがちです。「私にも確かにそういう時もあった。でも今おかれている状況じゃ、とても花のようにきらきらと笑えない。」「年を取るにつれて体力も気力も失われていく。今の私は花を咲かせているとはいえない」ということです。

でも、仏花は語り続けます。



「仏花には決まりはありません。善花やとげのある花は遠慮しますが、基本はどんな花でも構いません。お花屋さんの高値の花でも、野に咲く値段のつかない小さな花でも。仏さまにお供えしたとたんに人間の価値観は全て消え去ります。見るべきことは、その花の種類でも値段でもありません。どの花も精一杯咲いているという「命の事実」です。私も、あなたも今命一杯に咲いています。そこに条件を挑む必要はないのですね。条件を付けているのは誰でしょう？」あれが無ければ。これが無ければ私は生きている意味がないという思いを抱く私です。

でもその条件は誰がつけたのでしょうか？実は誰でもない私自身です。仏花が教えてくれているように、先に生まれた命も、後に生まれた命も、人間だけじゃなくて、様々な生き物も、うまくいかない時も、うまくいつているときも、人間の小さな価値観、条件を一切抜いてただある今状態は、みんな同じです。「ただ今をそれぞれが精一杯咲いているということ」です。

仏さまは小さな殻に閉じこもつてしまつている私をもつと広い世界に心を開いて、のびのびと生きてくださいと願つて下さっています。仏花だけじゃなくて、おうちにお花を飾るたびにどうぞその願いを思い出してみてください。合掌 三瓶拝

Zoom オンラインヨガクラスのお知らせ

* 日本語と英語でゆつくりとガイドしていく

クラスです。(初心者レベルクラスです)

毎週土曜日、朝9時~10時前まで

● 第1・3週土曜日：椅子ヨガ

● 第2・4週土曜日：普通のヨガ

* 無料でどなたでもご参加していただけます。

* 最初にご法話があります。

* 参加をご希望の方は三瓶までご連絡ください。Zoom のリンクをお送りいたします。



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サンノゼ別院 日本語法座

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Japanese Language Service

にほんご ほとけさま はなし き ほうざ
日本語で 仏様のお話（ご法話）を聞けるご法座です。

やさ ことば ほとけ はなし
易しい言葉で 仏さまのお話をしていきます。

ぶつきょう きょうみ じかん す かた さんか
仏教に興味のある方、ほっとする時間を過ごしたい方はぜひご参加ください。

Dharma talks (Buddhist messages) for the beginners will be given in easy Japanese.



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日時： 毎月第2日曜日（毎月一回）朝11時ごろ～

Every second Sunday (once a month) Live streamed from 11:00 am.

しちょうほうほう けんさく
視聴方法：1. YouTube で”sjbetsuin.videos”と検索。

いか ひ せんたく くだ
2. 以下の日にちのビデオを選択して下さい。

えいご ほうざ あと じ つづ ほうそう
英語の法座の後11時ごろから続けて放送いたします。

*Japanese service will be livestreamed right after the English Adult service on the same video.

*Our schedules are below.

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2022年 1/9（日）、2/13（日）、4/10（日）、5/8（日）、6/12（日）

がついこう よてい お あんない

7月以降の予定は追ってご案内いたします。We will update our schedule once we confirm.

げんざい まんえんぼうし ため てら ほんどうない さんばい えんりよ

*現在、コロナウイルス蔓延防止の為、お寺の本堂内での参拝はご遠慮いただいております。

じょうきょう か しだい ほんどうない さんばい あんない

状況が変わり次第、本堂内での参拝をご案内いたします。



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President's Message

By: Steve Onishi

The calendar says that the end of Winter is just a couple of weeks away, but you could have fooled me! I think we are already in Spring. We haven't seen any significant precipitation since December. The last couple of weeks have seen temperatures in the upper 60's to even 80 degrees. Many of the trees and plants have already begun blooming. And then in this week's paper (yes, I still read an actual newspaper!) it was reported that in the West, the last 20 years has been the driest period of time in over 1200 years! I haven't been here for 1200 years, but I certainly know that it doesn't rain like it used to when I was younger.

So, climate change is real and its impact on our drought can be seen all around us. It may seem overwhelming, but everyone can do something to help. I'm sure you all have heard of the suggestions for reducing water usage ranging from turning off the water when brushing your teeth all the way up to eliminating your lawn and replacing it with drought resistant plants...plus many others in-between. Of course, there are other, larger projects under discussion such as adding more reservoirs, increasing water recycling and building desalination plants. All of these address the current problem...climate change induced drought. However, they do not address the underlying issue...reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are impacting the climate.

As Buddhists, we are all concerned about our relationship with the environment. What can we do to reduce our impact on that environment? If you are interested, I hope that you will join our own EcoSangha group as they have initiated many projects within the Sangha to help address these impacts.

The Betsuin itself, will soon embark on its own project...Generations Phase II. This goal of this project is to replace the current Education building. A "sub-goal" if you will, is make this project carbon neutral. Carbon is a major contributor to global warming and therefore, to climate change. Carbon neutral means that you eliminate as much carbon as you release into the atmosphere. Our new building will utilize CLT (cross laminated timber) for much of the structure. Instead of using common building materials like steel or concrete (which release lots of carbon dioxide in their manufacture), CLT is essentially wood. Wood contains carbon, but retains that carbon if it is not burned. Therefore, we will not be releasing anywhere near as much carbon as we would have by using more conventional building materials. From an overall project standpoint, it also requires less construction time thereby reducing the impact of noise/dust on the surrounding community. Expect to see much more information about the new building as we embark on our fundraising efforts.

In Gassho,

Steve

Organization Spotlight: Sangha Support Committee

By: Dennis Akizuki

The Sangha Support Committee represents compassion in action.

Committee members are committed to caring for members, friends, family and other volunteers who are part of the Sangha, which is our Buddhist community. They do it with gratitude in their hearts, in a spirit of selfless giving, which is called Dana (dah-nah) in Buddhism.

Since its founding in the early 1980s, the committee has started and been involved with a variety of programs and activities from workshops on health and bullying to cooking classes, feeding the homeless to visiting elderly members in care homes, sending get well cards to Sangha members to making blankets and scarves for premature babies, other infants shelters, and the homeless

“I joined SSC several years after it had been established, said longtime Sangha Support Committee member Terry Oshidari.” I was attracted by the fact that many of the projects supported were service oriented or educational It is a very hardworking group where great friendships can be made.”

The committee was started in 1984, when then-President Sumi Tanabe wanted to start a group to support members of the Sangha. Merle Kataoka Yahiro, a San Jose State University professor of nursing, was the first chairperson.

Some of the committee programs are:

- Workshops on breast cancer awareness, arthritis, bullying, financial planning and elder care.
- Demonstrations about making umeboshi (pickled plum), persimmon drying, one-pot cooking and line dancing.
- Making blankets, scarves and caps for premature babies and other infants.
- Monthly cooked meals for the Life Moves homeless shelter.
- Visits to senior care facilities, and to surviving wives of retired ministers.
- Sending cards to members who are ill or facing health and other issues.
- Supervising the annual Volunteer Recognition awards.
- Onenju making and repairs.
- Helping, when asked or needed, to organize food for post-funeral receptions.

- Assisted in updating the temple's funeral workbook. A weekly Qigong class.
- Qigong combines body posture, movement, breathing and meditation exercises to better health and spirituality.

The committee also helps a young mother who suffered a stroke and in the past organized rides so seniors can attend Betsuin events.

Betsuin member Lillian Uyeda praises the Sangha Support Committee as a "great service organization" that is "doing great things for our community, Keep it up!"

A core group of members, many of whom are charter members, have made it their mission to continue the selfless work of the committee. The committee welcomes anyone who wants to join to introduce a new program or help with existing ones.

"The big plus is that you do activities that interest you, without feeling as if you have to be involved in every event," Oshidari says. "I appreciate that SSC does things for the Sangha but also does outreach for the greater community."

Terry Oshidari appreciates that the Sangha Support Committee programs extends not just to the temple community but also the wider community.

"It is a very hardworking group where great friendships can be made."



Organization Spotlight: Sangha Support Committee



Oseibo Funds Distributed

By: Al Hironaga

The Betsuin Oseibo Committee would like to thank all who so generously donated to the 2021 Oseibo Fund. A total of \$16,940.00 was collected, including donations received after the deadline. The Oseibo Committee, consisting of Terry Oshidari, Glenn Kurimoto and Al Hironaga, decided upon the distribution of the funds based upon the donors' designations and the committee's collective judgement when donors did not specify a distribution. The amount collected, allowed the committee to provide nice end-of-the-year checks to our two ministers, the regular office staffers, and the weekend staffers, and three Minister Assistants. Special designations also provided for checks to Mrs. Tomie Nishimura, Mrs. Yumi Hojo, the Japanese Language School teachers and staff, Lotus Preschool staff, the Dharma staff and regular temple visitors. Thank you to the following individuals and families who donated to the Oseibo Fund:

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And many more donors who selected to remain anonymous

Infant Presentation and Gotan-E

May 15, 2022

9:00 am - Infant Presentation - Virtual
9:30 am - Dharma School Service - Virtual
10:10 am - Adult English Service - Virtual

Gotan E Services Speaker: Rimban William Briones

Shosanshiki (First Visit Ceremony) Infant Presentation

In conjunction with this year's Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) on Sunday, May 15, 2022, the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin will be conducting a Virtual Infant Presentation Ceremony. All children (up to one year) are invited to visit the temple with his/her parent(s) and present themselves before Buddha and the Sangha. Hoping that this first formal meeting with the Dharma will be the start of a lifetime relationship that is mutually beneficial, we encourage all parents with newborns and infants to participate in this warm life-affirming ceremony. This may also be an opportunity for the parent to begin a relationship with the Dharma.

All those who participate will receive a certificate of presentation and Buddhist memento. If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking part, please complete the form below and leave at/mail to the Betsuin Office or complete the online form using the following link.

<https://forms.gle/NapNskoy952QPd4A7>

Registration - Infant Presentation May 15, 2022

NAME OF INFANT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT(S) NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

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:

Individual _____ X \$ 220.00 \$ _____

Husband/Wife _____ X \$ 420.00 \$ _____

Student (25 and younger) _____ X \$ 170.00 \$ _____

Dinner Only Name(s) _____ X \$ 45.00 \$ _____

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

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San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Trip to Japan 2023

The 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.



Nishi Hongwanji Temple, Kyoto



Himeji Castle



Bizen Osafune Sword Museum

Tentative itinerary:

- 5/1/2023 Depart from SFO for Narita on ANA, dinner & breakfast inc. on flight
- 5/2/2023 Arrive at Narita, transfer to Tokyo, check into Tokyo hotel, dinner nearby
- 5/3/2023 Breakfast at hotel, Tokyo tour (inc. Tsukiji Hongwanji, Tsukiji Outer Market (if open), lunch on own at food court, Asakusa Sensoji Temple & Nakamise shopping street), dinner on own
- 5/4/2023 Breakfast at hotel, fly from Haneda airport to Yonago or Tottori airport, Matsue sightseeing (Eshima Ohashi Bridge, lunch on own, Yushi-en Garden, Matsue Castle), check into hotel, group dinner at hotel
- 5/5/2023 Breakfast at hotel, in morning visit Oda (Tokuzenji Temple [Mikame Sensei's home temple], lunch, Izumo Shrine), group dinner at hotel or local restaurant
- 5/6/2023 Transfer to Tamatsukuri town (Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter, lunch, Ivy Square, Kurashiki Denim Street, Kurashiki Museum of Folk Art), check into hotel in Okayama, dinner on own
- 5/7/2023 Breakfast on own, Okayama tour (Bizen Pottery Town & hands-on class, Bizen Osafune Touken no Sato area, lunch on own, observe sword making at Bizen Sword Museum), return to hotel, dinner on own
- 5/8/2023 Breakfast at hotel, bullet train to Himeji, Engyoji Temple, lunch on own, Himeji Castle, transfer to Kyoto, check into hotel, dinner on
- 5/9/2023 Breakfast at hotel, full day Mount Hiei tour (cable car to top of mountain, lunch at local restaurant, Enryakuji Temple), dinner on own
- 5/10/2023 Service for Shinran Shonin Birth in morning, lunch box at Hongwanji, free time in afternoon, dinner on own
- 5/11/2023 Breakfast at hotel, then either free time or attend WBWC (World Buddhist Women's Conference)
- 5/12/2023 Breakfast at hotel, then either free time or attend WBWC (World Buddhist Women's Conference), farewell group dinner at local restaurant
- 5/13/2023 Free until 4 pm, fly from Haneda airport to SFO or option to extend stay for 3 more days & fly back to SFO on 5/16/2023 from Haneda airport

For all who express an interest, a Zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 11:30 am, to provide more details. This meeting will be led by Naomi Takehara from Kintetsu International Express (KIE) which is the travel company the Betsuin has enlisted to help plan this trip. Registration will begin that day and remain open until April 30, 2022. Due to limited capacity, registration will be on a first come, first-serve basis. The tour price will be about \$5000/person plus travel insurance costs.

If you are interested in going, please send an email to 2023japantrip@sjbetsuin.org.

Buddhist Women's Association

By: Barbara Sasaki

I need to apologize for not welcoming BWA's new members. BWA gives a hearty welcome to Nona Inouye, Yoko Cannestra, and Leslie Kitazumi. We are so glad you decided to join and look forward to seeing you at BWA events.

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

Do not forget the two service projects to honor Lady Takeko Kujo: The Malala Fund (monetary donations only) and ABODE Services for which we are collecting full-size toiletries and socks. The deadline for donations is March 31, 2022. See the flyer elsewhere in the Dharma for more information.

Joanne Akizuki and Lynda Ichinaga, Activities Co-Chairs are planning a fund-raising event. Here is what they have to say: "Broccoli Beef, Honey Walnut Shrimp, Black Pepper Angus Steak. Sound Good? The SJBWA hopes you, your families and your friends will order online to support BWA at Panda Express on Friday, March 25, 2022 (all day, anytime, you choose location).

Orders must be placed Online at <http://pandaexpress.com> or using the Panda Express App AND you must apply the code 906631 in the FUNDRAISER CODE box. Walk-in and orders through third party vendors like Grub Hub will not count for the fundraiser. But family and friends can order at ANY Panda Express in the U.S. so spread the word!" Please see the flyer located in this issue of the Dharma for more information.

Thank you to all those who so generously support BWA's service projects and fundraisers.

BWA would like to gratefully acknowledge those who have donated to the organization this past month:

- Emi Tsutsumi for Fuse-no-hi Service
- Lynne Yamaichi thank you for the get well card for her dad

Cub Scouts Pack 611

By: Den 4 & 5 Leaders

The boys of Dens 4 and 5 have been busy over the past few months. They began the fall by going on a great hike at Villa Montalvo, where they were rewarded with spectacular views of the Bay Area. Since this is the last year in Cub Scouts for the boys, they visited both of the local Japantown Boy Scout troops. Both Troops 201 and 611 were very gracious in hosting the boys with a number of very interesting activities. Likewise, Pack 611 has had a number of interesting activities in which the boys have been able to participate over the past few months including trunk-or-treat, and the winter carnival. Finally, within our den meetings, we've also been learning numerous life skills including how to tie a variety of knots. We wish all of you continued health. Stay safe, and be healthy!

Webelos 1 Scouts Metta Program

By: Stacy Oshidari

This year we are celebrating six Webelos 1 Scouts from Den 2 for completing the Metta program. They are Aaron Kai Fong, Bryson Oshidari, Blake Sakurai, Tyler Tao, Todd Tokumoto and Trevor Uyehara.

The word "Metta" is a Buddhist term meaning loving kindness and goodwill. This word was selected as the name for the Cub Scout religious award with the hope of nurturing boys who still relate to all animate and inanimate things with loving kindness and goodwill in their hearts. Over a 12-week period, the scouts attended weekly meetings, Sunday service and Dharma School classes. With guidance and support from Rinban Sakamoto, Rev. Mikame, Mrs. Karen Akimoto and Mrs. Cathy Pike, the scouts deepened their understanding of Buddhism and learned about some of the history of the San Jose Betsuin Buddhist temple. Below are their reflections on their experience:



Aaron Kai: "My favorite was learning about Prince Siddhartha and how he wasn't able to go outside the castle and learned about the four truths."



Bryson: "The thing I liked most about Metta was the onaijin tour. We got to learn about what Rinban does to prepare for service and who the different teachers were."



Blake: "I really liked learning about Buddhism. I also really enjoyed the tour of the Hondo. Ms. Akimoto was great and I learned a lot."



Tyler: "My favorite part of Metta was learning about Prince Siddhartha and his journey to become enlightened. My Metta teacher Mrs. Akimoto is very nice and I understood her teachings."

Todd: "What I liked most about the Metta class was probably watching the videos. From the videos, I learned that the shrine has a LOT of gold sheets, and some you can scratch off. There also were these special trees that were like special beams made from wood and went on the top of the building. And who knew that this certain place when there was a fire, the fire didn't go out easily (in the first place, that is)! These things were definitely fun to learn!"



Trevor: "I liked taking the test at the end of the class!"

Jr. YBA

By: Kaylee Okamoto

We worked hard on Feb. 5 getting ready for our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Thank you to all our members and volunteers for helping to make the 600 meals, and for everyone that participated in our raffle. It was great having our Spaghetti dinner this year and we were all so happy to be back!

Sangha Crafters

By: Betty Kinoshita & Tomi Imokawa

March is here and we have not had a winter. Hope we get some rain soon. Crafters continue to meet monthly in the parking lot and exchange blanket kits with completed blankets. Thanks for your ongoing support. February blankets count was more than 60. The Crafters' time and talent are greatly appreciated by Project Linus who provide us with kits. They distribute to area hospitals, social service agencies, shelters, etc. Children 18 and under are the targeted group. Come join us!!

Next gathering is March 4 at 11 a.m. in the parking lot across from the Hondo. Masks and vaccination status is required.

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

Next Dharma Deadline

Monday, March 14, 2022



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)

E kala mai i ‘au for missing the last Dharma deadline!

But this gives me a chance to say that in thinking about ‘the Hawaiian way’ and Jodo Shinshu, there’s a lot of parallel thinking. The western words we use “process”, “thinking”, “reasoning”, “meaning”, do not necessarily translate directly into either Hawaiian or Japanese (from which we here at the Betsuin in Jodo Shinshu come by the Dharma). I’d venture to say, although I could be incorrect, that our USA words and terminology may not translate directly into many other languages either.

We want to provide a safe place for everyone in Jodo Shinshu (which is in Amida’s Vows), and whether we do or do not is not a failing of the religion but just the way we practice it. It may be the same for life in Hawai‘i. If we do not honor or discover the true meaning of “ohana”, “aloha”, “e komo mai”, or “ho‘oponopono” we may not fully achieve that wonderful safe, welcoming, warm and happy place that accepts you as you are. The good of the whole depends upon the aloha that exists within the people and the place.

Which is why we were very happy to hear that the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority made some changes in 2020. It decided to reconfigure their Board of Directors and make some mandates about representation (all the counties in Hawai‘i), to quote them directly to make sure that information and representation of Hawai‘i be “clean, attractive and pure”, no misrepresentation or inaccuracies. The term for this in Hawai‘ian is Ma‘ema‘e. And, (*smile*) there is a toolkit which was created in that remaking process! The photo on the downloadable pdf is of a person’s hands weaving lauhala, thus the pictures of lauhala, a tree on the left and a roll of lauhala prepared to be made into something meaningful and nice, at the beginning of this article. The toolkit is available online from The HTA website. It’s a little bit of work to type it in, but here it is in case you are curious. <https://www.hawaiiauthority.org/what-we-do/tools-resources/maemae-toolkit/>

I have a beautiful lauhala hat that was woven by a master lauhala weaver in Hawai‘i, commissioned by Rinban Sakamoto for, I think it was a birthday of mine – for me to wear to hula competitions. I felt that my hula did not deserve such a good thing and protested. The weaver, though, asked some questions of me, using my answers to weave what she thought would be appropriate. And so, I’ve become the owner and caretaker of a pretty cool, finely woven lauhala hat.

I really am not worthy. But, as in Jodo Shinshu, I can be accepted as I am. In my home, I accept that this is my hat and I need to accept that in a “clean, attractive and pure” way... Luckily – I am probably more Jodo Shinshu than Hawaiian culturally, so whether I’m doing good or not, there is that 18th Vow for me!

~Aloha~

Mālama Honua Namō Amida Butsu

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

We hope you have continued to stay safe and have been enjoying Qigong at home. It'll be two years this April when Masanori Naito began offering his Zoom 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

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

Masanori Naito is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Qigong Class, March, 2022

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

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, until Mar 30, 2022

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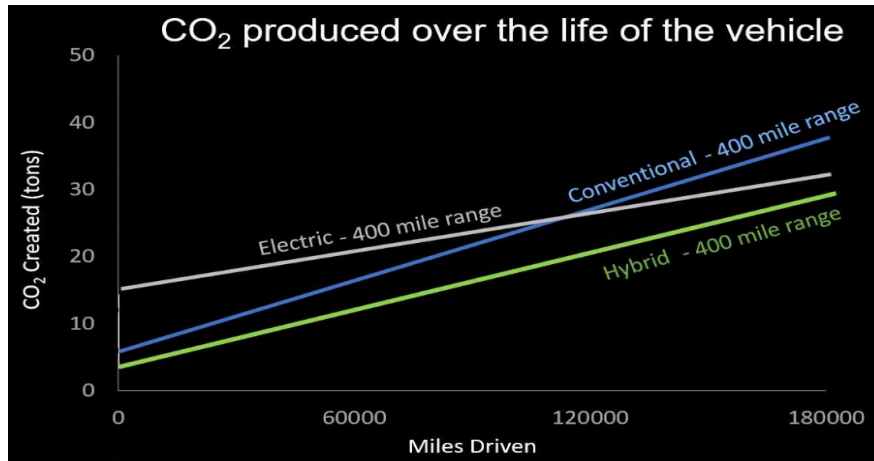
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EcoSangha: Eco Tip

By: Aravind Dasu

Research from the Southwest Research Institute showed that an Electric Vehicle has a higher CO2 footprint than a conventional or Hybrid vehicle @ 60,000 miles. But at 180,000 miles, an EV has lower CO2 footprint than a conventional vehicle but still higher than that of a Hybrid vehicle. So, if you want to buy a vehicle with the least amount of CO2 footprint, go in for a Hybrid vehicle. You can watch more about it here <https://youtu.be/S1E8SQde5rk>



Min'na no Mura

By: Elaine Jones

Happy March from Min'na no Mura! Hope this note finds you well. Just wanted to alert you to a couple of support groups that are available.

The first is that the San Jose Chapter of PFLAG has started holding meetings for the API community. The San Jose PFLAG API meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Their mission: "...to form a loving community of compassionate and welcoming individuals, providing a safe space to converse, listen, or observe in a group of fellow Asian-Americans." If you're interested in attending their meeting, contact San Jose PFLAG at: info@pflagsanjose.org, or phone 408-270-8182 and leave a message.

The second is that there will be a virtual meeting by PFLAG Connects: Asian American & Pacific Islander Community. The meeting will be on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 3 p.m. PT and is open to parents, family members, and members of the LGBTQ+ community who are AAPI. You can check them out at: <https://pflag.org/connects/communities/aapi>; there is a link on that page for you to register for the meeting, along with link for additional resources.

Also of note, the National PFLAG organization holds Latino Community Virtual meetings (1st Thursday of every month) and Black/African American Community Virtual meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month).

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please know/share these resources that are available. Stay safe, wherever you may be.

Music Notes

By: Elaine Jones

There are three upcoming musical opportunities for all of you:

First, BJ Soriano of the San Francisco Buddhist Temple is chairing a project for haiku submissions. The best part is that all ages can participate, and that includes you! Interested? Please take a look at the following rules and submit your haiku between March 1 - August 31, 2022. Detailed information is below.

The second is a BCA Music Committee & Center for Buddhist Education sponsored event, BON ODORI Sharing Session & Obon Forum 2022 on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. For detailed information and to register for the Zoom link, check out the flyer in this issue of the Dharma.

The third is a taiko webinar by Kinnara Taiko where they will teach their composition, “Ashura.” This webinar will take place over three Sundays, April 10, 17 and 24 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Like the Bon Odori session, you will need to register ahead of time, so please find the detailed information in the flyer, which is also in this issue of the Dharma.

Here is the information for the BJ Soriano’s Haiku Submission Project:

OPEN CALL FOR HAIKU SUBMISSIONS

Haiku MAY be accompanied by DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY or PHOTOS OF ORIGINAL DRAWINGS/ART

Sponsored by: Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Who can participate: All Bay Area Sangha members, Families and Friends

What is it: A compilation book/pamphlet consisting of ***Haiku* (3 lines – 5, 7, 5 syllables each line respectively) which can be accompanied by an *original photograph or a photo of an *original painting or drawing

Collection Period: March 1 through August 31, 2022

Theme: MOVING THE DHARMA FORWARD

Sub Theme: “What would Shinran Do or Say?” (Can be used as an opening first line of your haiku, 5 syllables) “**Moving the Dharma Forward**” is the BCA’s 2022 Theme, and we want to focus our haiku, photographs or drawings around this theme. The Sub Theme “**What would Shinran Say/Do?**” is a suggestion to get your creative juices flowing. You do not need to include the sub theme in your haiku.

Number of Submissions Allowed: No limit, start immediately!

Submit to: BJ Soriano to bj@bjsoriano.com

*Original means that haiku, photographs, photos of drawings or paintings must be your own original and not copied/downloaded without permission from the writer/artist. For example, someone in your family could do a drawing and you could write the haiku; **that is acceptable**. SUBMIT both names in your submission. We encourage collaboration.

**A haiku is a 3-line poem consisting of 5 syllables on the first line, 7 syllables on the second line and 5 syllables on the third line.

For example:

Example 1:

What would Shinran say?

“Moving the Dharma Forward”

A wonderful theme

Example 2:

An act of kindness

To a neighbor or a friend

Helps spread the dharma

Some of you may remember BJ Soriano from the 2019 BWA World Conference in San Francisco, where she led a music workshop teaching many of her gathas. BJ has generously shared her melodic compositions and recordings on her ukulele. Many of her pieces were commissioned by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Pledges

Pledges received January 21, 2022 to February 18, 2022

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

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The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.
December 17, 2021 to January 20, 2022

We discovered a glitch in the acknowledgements. Some donations listed are from previous months. We found a way to ensure no future donations are missed. We apologize for the unintentional omissions.

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To: High School Seniors and College Students
From: San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship Committee

The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin is pleased to offer several scholarships to graduating high school seniors and a couple college students. The scholarships will be presented at our Baccalaureate Service on June 5, 2022.

Awards: Cash awards of \$500-\$1000. Current scholarships include: the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Scholarship, the Ray and Lucy Matsumoto Scholarship, the San Jose Buddhist Church Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) Scholarship, the Shizue and Sadao Sakai Memorial Scholarship, the Buddhist Women's Association (BWA) Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Scholarship, the James Takeo Hashimoto Memorial Scholarship, the Robbie Yamada Memorial Scholarship, and the Ben and Kimie Sanematsu Memorial Scholarship. Details of each scholarship can be found on the San Jose Betsuin website.

Qualifications: Immediate family is a member of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin (minimum one-year membership).

Minimum 3.0 GPA during last three academic years, based on 4=A, 3=B, 2=C grading system (**except** for Matsumoto and BWA scholarships that require a minimum 2.5 GPA).

Judging Criteria: Academic Achievements, Church Activities, Dharma School, School Activities, Community Activities, Work Experience and Written Statement.

Please submit your completed application with an **official, sealed** transcript to:

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN
Scholarship Committee
640 N. Fifth Street
San Jose, CA 95112

You may also scan your completed application and email it to scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2022

After the church office receives your scholarship application, you will receive notification of receipt. If you have not heard from the Scholarship Committee by June 1st, please call the office at (408) 293-9292 or email us at scholarshipcommittee@sjbetsuin.org. Following the committee's selection, all applicants will receive written notification.

Community News!



Save the Date: **Sunday, April 24, 10:00am-5:00pm—2022 Nikkei Matsuri Festival is Back and LIVE!!**

The Nikkei Matsuri Foundation is proud to present the 44th Annual Festival with entertainment, food, artisan shopping, performances, and exhibits --- all celebrating and honoring the Japanese American experience and tradition. Bring your family and friends out to Fifth and Jackson Street to see what's new: San Jose BoomBox with new Japanese bands, Japanese auto show, food trucks, a fashion show and more! And don't miss our regulars: San Jose Taiko, martial arts, artisan vendors and Japanese cultural exhibits. Support Japantown community organizations serving our favorite foods. Join the fun at the Nikkei Matsuri Festival following the Yu-Ai Kai Japantown Run.

For more information, <https://nikkeimatsuri.org/>. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

The logo for Suzume no Gakko is a diamond-shaped emblem. It features a white bird with its wings spread, set against a pink background. The bird is surrounded by Japanese characters: 'すずめ' (Suzume) at the top, '学校' (Gakko) at the bottom, and 'すずめ' (Suzume) on the left and right sides. The text 'SUZUME no GAKKO' is written in a stylized font around the diamond.

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For additional information and to register:
www.suzumenogakko.org

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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.



BCA Music Committee & Center for Buddhist Education present

BON ODORI

Sharing Session & Obon Forum 2022

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022 • 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. PST

The purpose of the Bon Odori Sharing Session is to share information and document bon odori from across the continental United States. The program will begin with three short presentations showcasing the history and breadth of our bon odori tradition by **Reiko Iwanaga** ("Bussei Koshinkyoku" and "Remember Me"), **Elaine Fukumoto** ("Tokyo Gorin Ondo" and "Joban Tanko Bushi"), and **Laurie Kagiya** ("Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive" aka "Goshu Ondo").

Following these presentations, we will have an open session where participants can ask questions about songs, recordings, choreographies, or anything related to bon odori. While the organizers may not have the answers, we hope that other bon odori teachers and enthusiasts in the webinar will share their knowledge.

At approximately 2:45 p.m., we will start the **Obon Forum 2022**, an informal discussion with Obon organizers to share ideas and concerns about planning summer festivals. With the pandemic constantly providing new challenges in social gatherings and event management, this forum aims to share questions, best practices, and lessons learned for having a safe, meaningful, and engaging Obon. Registrants are encouraged to contribute questions and their own expertise and experiences.

Register at the bitly address below to receive the Zoom link.



Mark Shigenaga



REGISTER HERE for Zoom link:
bit.ly/bonodoriwebinar

KINNARA TAIKO TEACHES "ASHURA"



**Learn "Ashura" in three (3) Webinars
Sundays in April
April 10, April 17, April 24, 2022
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. PST**

The groundbreaking Buddhist taiko group Kinnara Taiko will present a series of three 1-hour webinars teaching their signature composition, "Ashura." This webinar series will include instructional videos, a Q/A section, and a discussion of Buddhist taiko and the history and context of "Ashura" by members of Kinnara Taiko.

The three webinars will be held on April 10, 17, and 24 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (PST). The instructional videos will be available to webinar participants after each session. Admission is free and open to all taiko groups and individuals. Donations will be accepted for the BCA Music Committee.



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5K WALK/RUN**

April 24, 2022 @ 9AM

Sign-Up Information Coming Soon!



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Board Mtg	4 BCA Minister Assoc. Mtg	5
6 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service/ Girl Scout Service	7	8 Choir Practice - V	9	10	11 BCA Nat'l Conf.	12 BCA Nat'l Conf. Boy Scout Troop 611 Family Dinner
13 10:00am – BCA Eitaikyo Service - VIRTUAL	14 DHARMA DEADLINE	15 Choir Practice - V	16	17	18	19 Pinewood Derby
20 Spring Ohigan 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service	21	22 Choir Practice - V	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service	28	29 Choir Practice - V	30	31		
<p>All Sunday Service are virtual right now. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzzDwOSv9YWh7nNfh1IjGw</p>						

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, March 6, 2022 – Girl Scout Sunday @10:00am
– Virtual

Sunday, March 13, 2022 – BCA Eitaikyo @ 10:00am -
Virtual

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – Spring Ohigan @ 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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