



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events:

Hanamatsuri – VIRTUAL

Sunday, April 10, 2022 @ 10:00am

Boy Scout Troop 611 e-Waste

Saturday, April 16, 2022 – SEE ATTACHED FLYER

Earth Day Service - VIRTUAL

Sunday, April 17, 2022 @ 9:30am & 10:10am

FDSTL Conference – VIRTUAL

Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 24, 2022

Office Closed On:

Friday, April 8, 2022

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Sunday April 24, 2022

Reflections on the Invasion of Ukraine

By: Bishop Marvin Harada

It has been disturbing to see the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. To see a country without any provocation be invaded by another country is appalling.

When I think of how large Russia is as a country, it makes me wonder what more Putin wants. Isn't Russia big enough for him? Why take over a neighboring country, unless it is just a manifestation of the hungry ghost realm in which you never have enough of anything. For such a world ruler — or maybe I should say dictator — there is never enough of anything.

When we look back at the history of the world and of civilization, isn't this a recurring theme, like a broken record? Conquerors, dynasties, kingdoms, war after war, battle after battle. Where does it end?

In ancient India, there was a ruler named King Ashoka, who helped to build and establish Buddhism. Although King Ashoka was a Buddhist ruler, he did not start out that way. In fact, he was a tyrant, a dictator, a conqueror. He had sent his army into battle to conquer again, and then went to see how the battle went, after the fact. King Ashoka was devastated to see the horrors of war that he had caused by sending his army into battle. Death and destruction were everywhere. "What have I done?" thought King Ashoka.

From that day on, King Ashoka turned to Buddhism and became a ruler of peace, not war.

How Buddhists respond to war is also something to reflect on. Tibet was invaded by Communist China. Temples and monasteries were destroyed. Sutras and ancient texts were destroyed. Monks were killed. But despite the travesty, the Dalai Lama continues to find a peaceful resolution and continues to work to restore his country of Tibet, in which he was both the spiritual and secular ruler.

Perhaps you recall some years ago, the Taliban began to destroy the ancient Buddhist statues in Afghanistan. The ancient statues were huge, carved out of the mountainside. They had been there for centuries, created out of the devout faith of Buddhists. They were like the ancient pyramids of Egypt. Yet, the Taliban saw them as false religion and tried to destroy them. First, they used tanks and artillery to bomb the statues, but they still stood strong. Eventually, they were destroyed.

There were worldwide objections and protests to the destruction of the statues, but Buddhists did not go to war over the issue. I cannot help but think that for Buddhists, the thinking was, "You can destroy the statues, but you cannot destroy the Dharma. The Dharma resides in the hearts and minds of Buddhists as a living teaching, as a living truth. It cannot be destroyed by rockets or artillery. It cannot be destroyed by tyrants and dictators. The Dharma will long outlive dynasties, empires, and kingdoms. Dynasties, empires, and kingdoms will come and go, like the waves that hit the shore. But the Dharma is timeless."

The Dharma was transmitted across the Asian continent for the past 2,500 years despite opposing rulers and kingdoms. It has been transmitted secretly amidst caves. It has been transmitted during the internment camps. It has been transmitted even in the wake of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is my hope and aspiration that the Dharma will flourish, such that there will be more world leaders who have an appreciation of the Dharma, and will find it appalling to invade another country like we have seen in Ukraine.

All the more — there a need for the Buddha-Dharma in this world.

Who we are

By: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

This is the Mission and Vision Statements of the Betsuin. These statements guide us in our decisions and our responsibilities.

Mission Statement

Be a community of peace, happiness and understanding by sharing and practicing Buddhist teachings.

Vision Statement

We are striving to create an inclusive environment of unconditional acceptance, respect and gratitude where we honor the past, appreciate the present, build for the future, and learn to engage in a life of compassionate action.

There is a banner that hangs on our Education Building, written on it is an early version of our statement of purpose. For the past decade we continued to work with our understanding of who we are. Reflecting on the intention of previous generations, honoring that commitment then clarifying a means to carry us into the future.

As a temple of the Hongwanji we share the Buddhadharma and Shinran's understanding and appreciation of it. Sharing the Buddhadharma must include the practice of the Buddhadharma. Our practice is the Nembutsu.

The Nembutsu of Jodo Shinshu is Namo Amida Butsu. It is simply an expression of gratitude for all that makes my life and enlightenment possible. When we carefully think about our life we are able to live because of the life around me. I do things, I go to work, I study, I write monthly articles, I eat. If however there was no place to work or people to work for or if there were not things to learn from then my work and my study would not be possible. We can extend this relationship infinitely, to all life. My life is possible because of the life that I am a part of. Life of the infinite past that makes this present life possible that will affect future life. I do not exist apart from this deep connection with all life. Mindfully, I respond in gratitude.

Mindfully responding in gratitude is to care about what and from what we receive. Gratitude is expressed as kindness and humility. When we realize the deep connection we share with all life our response is to care for the life we share.

We are a part of the community we live in. A community that is diverse. A community that is complex. A community is rich in history and culture. Our community does not end at the boundaries of Japantown or in San Jose or the Buddhist Churches of America. Our community is a world community that includes all. In that community we are people who respond to the world with kindness and humility.

The message from Buddha's flower

By: Rev. Etsuko Mikame

As it is getting warmer, we can see that flowers gradually started blooming. Everywhere. It makes me so excited.

When we have a Buddhist service at the temple, we decorate with flowers in our Naijin or inner altar space to pay respect to Buddha. But, there's a mystery here. I had been wondering why flowers are presented toward us not toward the Buddha. If it is a flower for the Buddha, I thought we should have faced it toward the Buddha. But, strangely, they are always placed facing toward us, human beings.

According a buddhist priest in Japan, from the moment we arrange the flowers for the Buddha, those flowers are considered as the Buddha's special flowers for us to understand the Buddha's message through how the flowers are.

So, he said that it is still okay for us to continue to present flowers facing toward us even if they are for the Buddha.

The flowers are saying: The flowers, we are blooming as such beautiful flowers, but we cannot avoid withering and dispersing someday. We have such an ephemeral life. And so do you. But even so, I am blooming to the fullest at this moment. And so are you.

The Buddha tells us a teaching of the impermanence through the flowers like this.

However, even after hearing this we tend to think like this;

"There were times when I did, but in the current situation, I can't even **smile** like a flower." Or you may think "As I get older, I lose my motivation, strength and energy. I cannot say that I am blooming like an energetic and beautiful flower anymore. "

The Buddha's teaching still continues like this through the flowers:

" There is no rule for Buddha's flowers. We avoid poisonous flowers and thorny flowers, but basically any flower is fine whether it's a flower shop's high-priced flower or a small, unpriced flower that blooms in the field. As soon as you place it for the Buddha, all human values disappear, and it shows us the perspective which goes beyond our small ego. What you should see is neither the type nor the price of the flower. But, It is the "fact of life" that every flower is in full bloom. Both I and you are in full bloom now. You don't have to put any condition there when you see the same life. Who put the conditions on us? "

We tend to believe that we cannot live without this, or we need that to keep our lives happier. We struggle in the small perspectives and conditions which we have. Who put conditions on us? That is not someone else, but we do it by ourselves.

As Buddha shows us through flowers, anyone who was born earlier or later, not only human beings, but also various creatures, when things go wrong and when things go well, the truth of our lives is the same for everyone at this moment. "Each one is in full bloom right now" going beyond our narrow perspectives or conditions.

The Buddha is hoping that we will free ourselves from our small cage in our hearts and minds and should open our hearts to a wider world and live freely. Not only Buddha flowers, but every time you arrange the flowers at your house, please remember that you are included in the wish.

Japanese Article

By: Etsuko Mikame

卯月だより



仏教の教えでは、この世界に存在するすべての存在は関わり合い、その様々な因縁により常に変化し合いながら存在しているという「縁起」という教えがあります。ですから、私たちお互いは、たとえ会ったことが無くても名前も顔も知らない人たちがお互いにつながりあつて生かされています。今日では近年のコロナウイルスが世界中で蔓延したように世界で起こっていることが直接自分の命や生活にかかわるということが起こったり、インターネットの普及によって世界中どこにいても即座にその土地で起こっていることについて知ることができるおかげで心を動かされることもあったり、直接顔を見合わせたことが無い誰かとかかわりを感じることも多くなつたのではないのでしょうか。また、自分自身の行動や言動も他の誰かに影響を与えうる存在であるということにも気づかされることも多くあり、ますます縁起の法則の中でつながりあつているお互いである事を感じます。

食べ物一つ取り上げても、それが自分の手に入るまでには多くの人はたらくと、自然の恵みが必要です。人は数えきれないほど多くの支えがあつて初めて暮らしていくことができます。これを仏教の言葉で「冥加」と言います。日本語でよく聞かれる言葉でいうと「おかげさま」という意味です。「冥」は「直接目で見ることができな

い」ということであり、「加」とは目には見えない支えが加わっているということです。

このように私たちが生きていくためにはいつも目に見えない影の支えが無ければ成り立ちません。ですから、私たちは自然のどんなものに対しても粗末に扱わず、大切にすることを忘れるべきではありません。

同じく仏教の言葉で、「冥利」があります。これは目に見えない力が私たちを利してくれているということであり、「冥助」というのは目に見えない力が私たちを助けてくれているということです。

私たちの一番近くでいつでも「冥利」してくださっているのはどなたでしょうか？どんなことがあつても、たとえどのような生き方をしていても見捨てないでいてくださるのは阿彌陀様という仏様です。そのことに気づかず背を向ける私に對しても、見返りを求めることなくこの命を冥利し続けて下さっています。合掌 三瓶拝

日本語サーブスのお知らせ

毎月第二日曜日、十一時から日本語で仏様のお

話をエーサチュアにて配信しています。

次回は四月十日を予定しています。詳しく

はお寺のホームページをご覧ください。

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サンノゼ別院 日本語法座

San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin Japanese Language Service

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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.

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

*Our schedules are below.

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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.

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President's Message

By: Steve Onishi

And the answer to the question about Obon is.....well, maybe. How's that for a wishy washy answer! Based upon our initial poll results, there appears to be a lot of support for having a "normal" Obon this year. The results also confirm our earlier suspicions...many of our more "experienced" Sangha members are not quite ready, but the younger members are all gung-ho for getting back into the swing of things. These results closely match the attitudes of the overall Santa Clara County community. The current data shows that infections have largely reduced here, primarily due to the relatively high vaccination rates and previous number of infected people. However, there is the danger that the new variant, B.A.2 that is spreading across Europe may create a new surge here in the US. We will have to keep a close watch on updated COVID data.

So that is part of the answer. The other pressing question is whether or not we will have enough volunteers to handle all of hundreds of jobs that are required to run an Obon. I'm not sure if you have ever really stopped to think about the thousands of volunteer hours that are required to plan and organize, obtain permits and order outside services, order food and supplies, construct and deconstruct, prepare, cook and sell food, work game booths, organize entertainment and run our Odori practices and dances, staff our Hondo for outside visitors, etc. It is a crazy event that goes off annually due to the hard work and knowledge of our Sangha.

In the next month or so, we will determine what type of Obon we can expect. I fully expect this Obon to be different from prior ones. It is totally understandable as some do not feel comfortable participating, either volunteering or attending, and there will likely be fewer booths and possibly shorter "open" times. However, it will be an opportunity to gather again and see familiar faces.

It appears that we are slowly emerging from the pandemic here at the Betsuin. While we still have restrictions on the number of people allowed in the different facilities and we do still require masks, things are improving. Just in the past month, YBA had their annual Spaghetti dinner and Boy Scouts had their annual Korean Beef dinner...although both were "take-out" only. I hope that all those golfers will again join us at San Jose Country Club for our annual golf tournament (more info later is this Dharma). We also selling raffle tickets to all those interested (\$4000 first place plus ten \$100 winners)...do not have to golf. So continue to do your best....wear masks, get vaccinated and boosted and maintain social distancing when possible. The future certainly looks much brighter as we get back to some sense of normalcy!

In Gassho,

Steve

Organization Spotlight:

Jr. Choir

By: Dennis Akizuki

Throughout its history, the Junior choir has been a tight-knit group of young people drawn together by their love of music and desire to share Buddhist music with the Betsuin, other temples and the community at large.

Their performances have spanned the Bay Area, California, Hawaii, and Japan. Their repertoire has included English and Japanese songs, movie themes, religious tunes, and ones that have featured sign language.

The choir is more like a family, according to Elaine Jones, a former director.

“It’s been 14 years since I’ve seen many of the former choir members, and when I see them now (or get updates from their parents), I am delighted to see and hear about their journey into adult life,” Elaine said.

For one Junior Choir alum, joining the group started out just as another church activity, but through the practices, performances and trips, his appreciation for the group deepened as he grew closer to the members.

“My favorite memory were the recitals when we put on a large production and were able to entertain our friends and families,” he said.

Isaiah, a current member, said: “I joined junior choir because it was a fun, extra activity that I could do with all my friends. I also loved all the food we would get to eat along with learning about our Japanese heritage. We learned some songs in Japanese, and now since I’m in high school, I’ve decided I want to be the first one in my family to speak Japanese since my great grandmother passed away.”

The Junior Choir is open to Dharma School students from ages 3rd to 12 grade. Choir members have also been recruiters for the group, exuberantly telling people at church services to: “Join the Junior Choir!”

The Junior Choir was founded in 1965 by Yumiko Hojo, wife of Rev. Ejitsu Hojo and Buddhist music pioneer in the United States. She wrote and arranged some of the most popular and enduring songs sung in Dharma School services.

The choir practices in the Hondo (temple) after the adult services. They have three major performances every year, at the Bodhi Day service in December, the Hanamatsuri service in April and the Junior Choir Recital in April.

Over the years, the choir has performed not only at major Buddhist Churches of America events but also ones in the wider community. They include the Dharma School Teacher’s Conference in 1996; a visit by the head of the temple sect, Nishi Hongwanji-ha; JACL National Convention in 1996; the Council of Churches Interfaith Service for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001; Kyoto and Okayama during a 2007 trip to Japan; and one of San Jose Taiko’s Rhythm Spirit concerts.

In the early 2000s, the choir performed original musicals for the spring recital, most notably one titled “Dorothy in Dharmaland,” inspired by the Wizard of Oz. Some of the parents displayed their artistic skills by designing building props and sets for the musicals, while others were in charge of lighting and the sound. Another attraction at the recitals has been the food, full lunches years ago and, more recently, gourmet desserts.

When the choir went to Hawaii in 2003, they learned Pokemon Ondo at the Hilo temple, and brought it back to the mainland and the temple's Obon Odori (Obon dance). It has become a favorite number during Obon and is also part of Obon dancing at other temples.

Speaking of Obon dancing, the choir members and parents sell home-made snacks during the dance practices as a fundraiser.

Echoing a sentiment of all the choir directors over the years, Elaine said: "I am thankful for the choir members and their families' participation in the Junior Choir program, and hope that they have fond memories of being together. I hold these memories dear to my heart."

Choir alums also fondly remember their time in the choir.

"Jr. Choir was a fun activity that enabled me to stay connected to the church over the years," says one Junior Choir alum. "I'll never forget our trip to Hawaii, traveling to perform in different places and bonding with other choir families."



**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	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Student (25 and younger) _____	X \$ 170.00	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Special Raffle Tickets _____	X \$ 20.00	\$ _____
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Buddhist Women's Association

By: Barbara Sasaki

Karen Hironaga, Social Welfare Co-Chair sent one card last month. BWA hopes the recipient is doing better.

BWA would like to welcome back Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi and his wife Karen. After being the Reverend at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, for 8 years, Reverend Dr. Kenji Akahoshi retired at the end of October 2021, and he and his wife returned to San Jose.

Karen Akahoshi has become involved again here. She will be a panelist presenter at next year's convention in Kyoto. She will join panelists from the five kyodan (Japan, Canada, Hawaii, South America, and Buddhist Churches of America). Karen will relate her experiences of how "Life of Nembutsu Enables Us to Appreciate Every Encounter." Congratulations to Karen and thank you for representing Coast District and BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations.

BWA would like to give a big thank you to Stan and Harriet Kawamata for donating their full-size KitchenAid mixer with its many attachments to BWA. Even though we do not have any immediate plans for cooking and baking, we know it will make our future preparations much easier.

BWA would like to gratefully acknowledge those people who donated so generously to the organization:

- Jennifer Masuda donated to support our Panda Express fundraiser
- Reverend Sensho Inouye Family (Fumie, Shiho, and Shino) for a general donation
- The family of Eiko Tanouye donated the koden we sent to the family back to BWA

Jr. YBA

By: Cassidy Yoneda

We recently had the CD winter event which was a movie night hosted by Mountain View Jr YBA. We watched Crazy Rich Asians, and Mountain View provided amazing hospitality and delicious snacks. Thank you to Mountain View for hosting and to our members who attended! In the coming months we have Nikkei Matsuri and are currently planning for our big trip to Disneyland which will hopefully happen in June.

Cub Scout Pack 611

By: Den 6 Tigers

Tiger Scouts of Den 6 have adapted well to the many challenges as we navigated a safe path through the current pandemic restrictions. The Tiger scouts started the majority of this year's den meetings virtually but have recently started to meet in-person. The Tigers have been coming to the den meetings full of excitement and energy. The month of March 2022 wraps up the last of our 6 required adventures to advance to the rank of Tiger. This month we focused on the "Tigers in the Wild" adventure. They were excited to learn about the "outing" in Scouting with our outdoor themed adventure. They learned about preparing and carrying the Cub Scout 6 essentials for an outing, reviewed the Outdoor Code and the Leave No Trace principles. Leave No Trace helps reinforce the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and reminds the Tiger Scouts to respect the rights of others including the future generation users of the outdoors. They now have a greater appreciation for our natural environment and a deeper respect and reverence toward our natural surroundings.

The Tiger Scouts have a better understanding of the Scout Motto "Be Prepared" and will be expected to assemble and carry their own Cub Scout 6 essentials (first aid kit, flashlight, water bottle, trail food, sun protection and whistle) during our first planned group hike through Quicksilver park within the next few weeks. They are excited to focus on several elective adventures in the upcoming months including Rolling Tigers, a bike themed adventure and Tigers: Safe and Smart, a safety themed adventure.

The Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 19th and it will be a new experience for the Tigers this year. Most of the Tiger Scouts participated for the first time virtually as Lion Scouts in the Pinewood derby last year. This year's Pinewood Derby event is scheduled as an in-person/outdoor event which will be a lot of fun for the whole pack. The Tigers are very proud of all the hard work they put into their cars.

The Tiger Scouts of Den 6 hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

EcoSangha

By: Al Hironaga

Springtime is here! As you do your spring cleaning, please remember to reuse, recycle and repurpose instead of just throwing your items in the trash, which will end up in a landfill. The EcoSangha is still collecting gently-used or unused shoes, full and empty inkjet and laser toner printer cartridges and clean white Styrofoam. These items can be deposited in the large wooden box with the EcoSangha logo just outside of the Lotus Preschool or the recycling box in the Betsuin office. While recycling Styrofoam, we have collected several clean Styrofoam ice chests which can be reused. If you would like one or more free Styrofoam chest(s) email Al Hironaga at ahironaga@hotmail.com and he will arrange to give them to you at the temple. Besides the EcoSangha, other Betsuin organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and BWA sometimes collect items for reusing, recycling or repurposing.

Girl Scout: Troop 61333

By: Troop 6133 Leaders

Padma 2022



Third Grade Brownies

Padma

Seven girls from Brownie Troop 61333 studied under Sensei Reiko Iwanaga and earned their first Padma award. Kara Lee, Khloe Kaneshiro, Averie Abad, Grace Kakinami, Avery Fujikawa, Elisa Villanueva, and Lainey Bachmeier-Kogura learned about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and chose to help the elderly by making Valentines for Yu-ai-Kai.

Cookies

Despite nationwide supply chain issues, our girls worked hard and have sold over 3,400 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

Troop Service Project

In January, our third grade troop voted to complete a service project to help the homeless in our community. The girls plan on using some of the money they raised from fall product sales and cookie sales to complete their service project.

Brownie Padma Class

By: Reiko Iwanaga

Congratulations to **Khloe Kaneshiro, Averie Abad, Grace Kakinami, Avery Fujikawa, Elisa Villanueva, Lainey Bachmeier-Kogura, and Kara Kawayoshi-Lee** for completing the Brownie level of the Padma Buddhist Badge! Thank you to the Brownie Troop 61333 leaders, Cindy Kaneshiro, Tracie Kogura, and Kristin Kawayoshi and the parents who supported their efforts and activities.

Meeting on Zoom presents many challenges, as we can't have the personal interactions and sharing that would normally happen. Yet, the girls faithfully attended each session, reminded by their leaders and parents. They figured out and completed the various projects I had enclosed in different colored containers. One part of the requirement is to make a short presentation in person or in the temple bulletin. Here are their comments for that requirement.

Gassho,

Reiko Iwanaga

Grace Kakinami: In Padma classes, I learned the Six Paramitas and what the Six Paramitas are. I also learned about Buddha, Dharma (lessons), and Sangha (everyone). I learned the Golden Chain. We use an onenju by putting our hands together in Gassho. It was fun doing the service project for Yu-Ai Kai. Mrs. Iwanaga is a great teacher.

Kara Kawayoshi-Lee: I learned how the Six Paramitas connects with the Girl Scout Law.

Khloe Kaneshiro: I learned about Buddha, the Golden Chain and the Six Paramitas. I liked Padma because it was fun, and I liked doing the crafts and coloring.

Avery Fujikawa: We learned the Golden Chain and we played Bingo. I also enjoying making an altar.

Lainey Bachmeier-Kogura: I learned about the Golden Chain and I made 20 Valentines that I delivered to Yu-Ai Kai with Grandma.

Elisa Villanueva: I learned about the Three Treasures. Also, I made Valentine's Day cards for seniors, so they have a nice card with their lunch.

Averie Abad: Padma had fun activities – like our service project of making Valentine's Day cards. I liked learning about Buddha's history too.



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! E komo mai!



First: I want to invite any of you to share through the Aloha Club! It can be photos, favorite moments, stories, wonderful food, whatever you would like to share! Just write to me with “Aloha Club” in the subject line and send it to kathy.sakamoto.sj@gmail.com. Let me know if you’d like to take a turn!

Second: I wondered how many of you know that Rinban Sakamoto grew up attending Mo’ilili Buddhist Church (on Oahu-photo on the right). He used to run up those stairs. Now, he can walk up, but walks up more gingerly if there is someone he knows from those days that he lived there who might need help.

Despite that, he admits to knowing very little about Hawaiian culture. Students now study the real history of Hawai’i and the Hawai’ian people in school, but when he was growing up, there was more in the social culture about Hawai’i than there was taught in school. In classes, they learned about the Hawaiian islands, the names of each. They knew that Hawaiians had their own food and their own customs, rituals and a monarchy at one time. They knew that Christianity was not native to Hawai’i or the Hawaiian people. They knew how to pronounce the names of the streets and it was natural to learn to fish, to know how to open and eat coconut and drink coconut water. You didn’t really buy that from a store back then. Everyone had a mango and/or a papaya tree and the fruit was plentiful and people shared what they had.

Recently, the Hawai’i Kyodan renamed their newsletter to “Ka Leo Kāhea” translated as “The Calling Voice”. Whether it is in Hawaiian language, meaningful in Jodo Shinshu or whether it’s simply a translation that makes alignment with Hawai’i and the culture of aloha more easily attributable, or even, makes the culture of current Hawai’i more accessible to the local community, it is very nice to see the Hawaiian language used in an organization in Hawai’i.

“Local” is different from Hawaiian culture. Hawaiian style combines some of every culture that has established itself in the islands and is recognizable as the language of the islands is recognizable. Hawaiian Pidgin is a recognized *language* and is one of two official languages in the State of Hawai’i.

<http://www.sls.hawaii.edu/pidgin/whatIsPidgin.php>

Where once there were ladies who wove lauhala alongside the road, now lauhala weaving is in art shows and museums and cultural fairs. Yes, Shaka is different from Shaka Zulu. What? Yah – now who didn’t know dat?

~Aloha~

Mālama Honua Namō Amida Butsu

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

Covid regulations are loosening, but California still has about 10,000 infected people a day. So I will continue my classes with Zoom.

Thank you
Masa

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 to enjoy its benefits. PayPal payments directly to: mnaito010@yahoo.co.jp or kikoh4000@sbcglobal.net or mail to: Masanori Naito, 33721 10th Street, 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 forwarded to Jeanne Nakano, nakanojeanne@gmail.com

Topic: Qigong Class April-May

Time: Apr 1, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Every week on Fri, Mon, Wed, Sat, until May 30, 2022, 35 occurrence(s)

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

Weekly:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUpdemurDoqG9NTGNqPWugOExk5LrJ0yh40/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGpqjkqHNaUsBiARpwcBojoc-7zpn5fjfpzqDjLEhBkdwTZE_pJZ55tOojl

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81420621017?pwd=L0h1SjdwUURiVUx1TTIOdVE1Tk2dz09>

Meeting ID: 814 2062 1017

Passcode: 794484

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 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.



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.

SAN JOSE BUDDHIST CHURCH BETSUIN
Scholarship Application Form

NAME _____
First Middle Last

ADDRESS _____
Street Address City State Zip

PHONE (_____) _____ BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____ M _____ F _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ COLLEGE/TRADE/VOC. SCHOOL _____

Please print or type your responses on a separate sheet. Your information should include dates/years. A completed application must be submitted with an **official, sealed transcript** from your high school.

- A. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**
 GPA (10-12), SAT scores, rank in class/size, school honors and/or achievements, etc.
- B. CHURCH ACTIVITIES:**
 Jr. YBA, Buddhist studies, Scouts, leadership projects, etc.
- C. DHARMA SCHOOL:**
 Attendance, Jr. Choir, teaching/assisting, etc.
- D. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**
 Clubs, offices held, band, sports, honors, etc.
- E. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**
 Service, volunteer work, fundraising, etc.
- F. EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS:**
 List schools/colleges to which you have applied.
- G. WORK EXPERIENCE:**
 List jobs held, title, responsibilities and length of employment.
- H. WRITTEN STATEMENT:**
 Please write a 1-3 paragraph statement about what the S.J. Betsuin has meant to you.
- I. AGREEMENT:**
 To the best of my knowledge, this submission is an accurate and honest representation.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Minna no Mura: Still Learning

By: Michael Jones

For those of us who are a part of the extended family of the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus Asexual, Pansexual, Questioning, Intersex, and Allies) community, even if we are active allies to the community, learning is a constant process. As the LGBTQ+ community works to better understand their own situation, and how their lives are impacted by the society around them, they evolve, their vocabulary evolves, their thought processes evolve. And so, those of us around the community must evolve too. However, not being in the community means that we are typically in a perpetual state of catching up. It is a bit frustrating for the parents and other allies, but we need to keep a beginner's mind and keep learning. Actually, I have noticed that this evolution is not uniform across the various partitions within the LGBTQ+ community, so there is often learning that needs to go on between the various subsets of the community – gay, lesbian, transgender, nonbinary, asexual, pansexual, and so on.

I was recently speaking with a friend of mine who is my age. He has no connection or experience with the LGBTQ+ community, so his knowledge of the language and the various subsets of the community is almost nil. I don't even recall how we got onto the subject, but I found myself in the rather uncomfortable position of trying to educate him on the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity or gender expression. This, as I am sure most of you know by now is one of the primary points of confusion for those of us not inside the community.

The one thing that I really appreciated about our conversation was that he felt comfortable enough with me to ask his questions with a beginner's mind. While he may have felt embarrassed about his lack of understanding, he did not show it, and he never tried to defend his understanding or lack thereof.

As we talked, he brought up a mutual friend who is transgender female. So, does that mean that she likes being around women, he asked? No, I said, you are referring to sexual orientation. A male transitioning to female is an indication that they have realized that they identify as female, even though they were assigned male at birth. He continued that he recently met someone who called themselves asexual. He asked, does that mean that they don't identify as either male or female? No, I said, asexual is a term of sexual orientation meaning that they have no sexual desire or sexual interest for members of either gender. Or said differently, they have no sexual desire or sexual orientation. To not identify as either male or female (or whose gender identity is neither exclusively male nor female) would be more properly called nonbinary.

My friend related a personal story to me that further demonstrated his journey. He and his daughter recently went to a phone store. The young person that helped them was very friendly and served them well. But something was bothering my friend as they left. He said to his daughter, "That young person who helped us just now...I could not tell if they were a 'he' or a 'she.' But then it dawned on me. It doesn't matter!" His daughter replied, "Good for you Dad, good for you."

Categories are important to us as humans. By categorizing things, we have been able to distinguish between people and things that are friendly, and those that could do us harm. Early in human development that discernment was a matter of survival. But, as we have evolved it has become more of a matter of preference. As we evolve, we must realize that our traditional categories are becoming less meaningful. The best person for the job is the most qualified...period. The person I love is a person...period. How I identify from a gender perspective should not impact your perception of me.

We are all learning. My friend has made some recent discoveries, but what I really appreciate is his attitude of learning rather than defending his previous beliefs. I am still learning as well, and I appreciate the coaching I received on this article from people much more knowledgeable than I. That said, please pardon any unintended mistakes on the terminology. If you are curious about the terms used, please visit the PFLAG National Glossary of Terms (pflag.org/glossary). We are all human. We are all in this life together. So, let's continue to learn together, evolve, and to love and respect one another for who we are...exactly as we are.

Music Notes

By: Elaine Jones

Happy 101st Birthday to Mrs. Hojo! Isn't that wonderful, that we can celebrate with Mrs. Hojo, a true legend from our San Jose temple? Through Mrs. Hojo's contributions, generations of our Dharma School children have experienced many of her delightful gathas. A video commemorating Mrs. Hojo and her dedication, entitled, "A Tribute to Mrs. Yumiko Hojo: A 100 Year Birthday Celebration of Music and Memories," was completed by the BCA Music Committee in December 2021 and is now available for viewing. You can take a look yourself at the following link: <https://youtu.be/c5spm603kQ>

Another way to view the video (and you can explore the BCA's website while you're there!), is to go to buddhistchurchesofamerica.org, click on the column for 'News & Media,' and scroll down to 'BCA Music Youtube.' While exploring the BCA website, under 'News & Media,' you can scroll down to 'Music,' and find several recordings of gathas that are from the 'big purple' service book. These gathas were professionally recorded in 1994 and feature professional singers. Ondokusan I & II along with Shinshu Shuka remain on the site during the year, but the last two or three gathas listed are rotated monthly. We hope that you'll be able to listen to these wonderful recordings.

Kinnara Taiko is offering a free webinar over 3 Sundays in April (April 10, 17 and 24 from 1 - 2 p.m.) where they will be teaching, "Ashura." You must register to attend this event: <https://bit.ly/kinnarataiko> Please see the flyer in this issue for more information.

Here's a nudge to those of you who'd like to exercise your poetic mind: 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? Send me an email at: musicdirector@sjbetsuin.org for rules, or check out the Music Notes article in the March 2022 issue. Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2022.

EcoTip

By: Diane Fujioka

Have you noticed that Eco Friendly products are more available, easier to find and purchase? Our demands as consumers have made these products more mainstream!!!

Now eco-friendly products can be found in most stores, not just online or at organic product stores like Trader Joes and Whole Foods but also at stores such as Target. Grove Collaborative, who strives to have plastic free products and reusable glass containers, can be purchased online or at Target.

And major companies are producing more earth friendly alternatives, such as Clorox Compostable Cleaning Wipes. We still have a long way to go but as consumers, keep demanding and purchasing these eco friendly products to make a difference.



SUZUME NO GAKKO
2022 SESSION
July 18th-29th | Capri Elementary School

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

Suzume no Gakko is a 2-week summer program where children learn and experience Japanese-American culture. We encourage children to appreciate their Japanese heritage and take pride in their unique cultural background.

Pledges

Pledges received February 19, 2022 to March 17, 2022

Aravind and Kay Dasu
Michael and Audrey Doi
June Fujii Bruce and Stacy Handa
Larry and Lynn Handa
Alice Hayakawa
Diane Ikegami
Tomiye Imokawa
Victor and Frances Itow
Kalea Iwamoto
Kai Iwamoto
Robert and Alice Kawaguchi
Christine Kawashima
MIdori Kotake
Kazuko Kurasaki
Kurt Kurasaki
Lorena Kuritsubo
Hiro and Joyce Kurotori
Randall Shingai and Naomi Makihara

Judy Mine
Stan and Eileen Moriya
Scott and Lori Nakajima
Jeanne Nakamura
Rich and Jayna Nakashima
Bonnie Ouchida
Arthur and Jolene Osaki
Krystie Parshall
Rajan and Susan Saigusa
Tori and David Sakurai
Chester Santo
Keiko Tachibana
Emi Tsutsumi
Robert and Kathlynn Uenaka
Frank and Lisa Usuki
Don and Yoko Uyeda
Miwako Yamada
George and Mae Yoshihara

Donations

**The San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin gratefully acknowledges your generous support.
February 17, 2021 to March 17, 2022**

Michiko Mae Nishimoto(\$50)
Shirley Kodani(\$80)
Theodore and Yun Tokumoto(\$184.20)

*In appreciation of Rinban Sakamoto at San Jose
Insight Meditation*
Jennifer Busam(\$25)
Rev. Berget Jelane(\$25)

In honor of Yoko Cannestra's 60th birthday
Friends of Yoko Cannestra(\$60)
Yoko Bonilla(\$50)

In Appreciation for Oseibo
Susumu and Sadako Ikeda(\$100)

Funeral

In Memory of Kurato Shimada
Akira and Linda Iwasaki(\$25)

In Memory of Chizu Kubo
May Takata(\$20)
The Family of Chizu Kubo(\$400)
Tsuyako Sakamoto(\$25)

In Memory of Georgia Shigemi Wakayama Earl
The Family of Georgia Shigemi Earl(\$500)
Anna Mae Tamaki(\$100)
Warren Saito(\$50)
John and Ruby Hall(\$50)
The Green Family(\$150)

In Memory of James Yamakawa
Grace Yamakawa(\$1,000)
Gene and Audrey Hane Family(\$200)
Kazuko Nose(\$30)
Hanaye Baba(\$25)
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Emi Tsutsumi(\$25)
Michiko Itatani(\$50)
Sachi Ikeda(\$25)
Hisako Ando (\$25)
Allan and Nancy Hikoyeda(\$25)
June Kuwada(\$25)

In Memory of Janet Sayama
The Family of Janet Sayama(\$500)

In Memory of Kikuko Tsukamoto
Emi Tsutsumi(\$25)
Joanne Kobori(\$50)

In Memory of Jeffrey Yoshioka
The Family of Jeffrey Lane Yoshioka(\$500)
Alex Kami(\$50)
June Kuwada(\$25)
Fumi Suyeishi(\$25)
Tim and Vivian Takeda(\$50)

In Memory of Amy Yoshihara
The Family of Amy Yoshihara(\$500)
May Takata(\$20)

In Memory of Yukio Ogawa
Yoneko Ogawa(\$100)

Memorial Service

In Memory of Christopher Dingle
Yuki Aiyama(\$50)

In Memory of Matsuo and Polly Handa
Larry and Lynn Handa, Lindy and Doreen Handa, Lon
and Robin Handa(\$300)

In Memory of Marlene Terasaki
Rob and Robin Hoffman(\$50)
Bob Terasaki (\$100)

In Memory of Eiko Tanouye
The Family of Eiko Tanouye(\$50)
Stanley and Karen Tanouye(\$250)
Kumamoto Ken Jin Kai(\$30)

In Memory of Russell Phares
The Family of Russell Phares(\$200)

In Memory of Janet Sayama
The Family of Janet Sayama(\$600)

Memorials

In Memory of Stan Ohara
Robin Ohara(\$100)

In Memory of Mikiko Eto
Robin Ohara(\$100)

In Memory of Thomas Takata
May Takata(\$100)

In Memory of Samuel Rihachi Yasui
Harriet Yasui, Jeff, Kerry, Deanna, Nancy Yagi, Greg,
Mandy and Susie Yasui(\$300)

In Memory of Rev. Sensho Inouye
Fumie, Shinho, Shino Inouye(\$250)

In Memory of Nori Yabumoto
Peggy Yabumoto(\$100)

In Memory of Polly Sakamoto
Craig Sakamoto(\$100)

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In Memory of Tosh Nakashima
Hisako Ando(\$50)
Kumamoto Ken Jin Kai(\$30)

In Memory of Howard Toshihori Oshita
Liz Barrous(\$100)

In Memory of Stephen Fukuchi

The Fukuchi Ohana:Joyce, Jennifer, Sachi, Scott, Kyle and Holly(\$1,000)

In Memory of Carol Sato-Nakashima

Kumamoto Ken Jin Kai(\$30)

In Memory of Karl Takimoto

Kumamoto Ken Jin Kai(\$30)

In Memory of Judy Takata

May Takata(\$50)

Wedding

In Honor of your March 19, 2022 Wedding

Leslie Okano(\$500)

Oseiho

Lawrence and Mary Higashihara(\$500)

Generations Capital Campaign

Yukio and Kathy Yoshikawa(\$20,000)

Generation Pickers(\$57.70)

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In Memory of Kurato Shimada

Michiko Itatani(\$25)

In Memory of Masashi and Scott Kimizuka

Michie Kimizuka(\$5,000)

2021 Oseiho

Jim and Sue Sakai McClure



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

FREE Electronic Waste Collection Event

Community service event held by:

Troop 611 Scouts BSA

When:

Saturday
April 16, 2022
9am to 3pm

Location:

San Jose Buddhist Church
Education Bldg Parking Lot
639 N. 5th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

All Wire and Cabling, Desktop PCs, Laptops, PDAs, Servers, DLP/CRT/Plasma/LCD/LED Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Mice, Keyboards, & Accessories, Copy & Fax Machines, All Audio & Video Players, Cell Phones & Accessories, Electrical household appliances, and much more!!!

(please, NO metals, microwaves, large appliances or large office equipment)

***** Please review the list of acceptable items *****

Event Hosted By



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At 408-490-4516 or email ajelectronicrecycling@gmail.com CA#115816

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 - Vacuum
 - Fans
 - Radios
 - Video Game
 - Speakers
 - Fax
 - Pagers
 - Sound Cards
 - Network Cards
 - PDA's
 - Modems
 - Electric Toy's
 - Clocks
 - Stereos
 - Paper Shredders
 - Power Tools
 - Scanners
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 - Small
 - Heat Sinks
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 - Typewriters
 - Digital
 - Keyboards
 - PCI Boards
 - And More!!!
- Small Home Appliances Items
- Toaster
 - Slow cooker
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 - Blender
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 - Bread machine
 - Coffee maker
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 - Waffle iron
 - Juicer

Unacceptable Items...

- Microwave
- Ovens
- Furniture
- Disks/CDs
- Floppy Drives
- Household Batteries
- Video VHS Tapes
- No Appliances
- Washer and Dryer
- Refrigerator
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Light bulbs
- Printer Cartridges
- Printer Toners
- Household Batteries
- Copiers
- Wood
- Paint
- Metal
- And More!!!

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Quantity of:	CRT Monitor/TV ___	LCD Monitor/TV _____	Plasma Monitor/TV _____
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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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**REGISTER HERE:
<https://bit.ly/kinnarataiko>
Admission free with registration**





Give2YAK

Annual Day-of-Giving

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

with

Dollar-For-Dollar Matching!

This annual **Day-of-Giving** event is **Yu-Ai Kai's largest fundraiser**. Supporting all Yu-Ai Kai programs and services, it is critical to the foundation of the organization that was started over 48 years ago. Nutrition, Social Services, Senior Day Services, socialization, fitness and essential workshops are just a few examples of the important work done at Yu-Ai Kai.

The distinguishing feature of the **Give2YAK** fundraiser is the **Dollar-for-Dollar Match** provided by our **Matching Sponsors** who have generously promised **over \$100,000 in matching funds!** This is an incredible opportunity to double the effectiveness of your donations. All donations to Give2YAK, **before and after May 3, 2022**, are eligible for the matching funds.

While we will miss the in-person visits this year, we are grateful for your consideration to support this year's Give2YAK.

Ways to Donate

Online at: www.gofundme.com/f/2022Give2YAK

By mail: Use the form below and submit check by mail or drop-off

By phone: (408) 294-2505 for offline credit card donations

YES, I would like to support **Give 2YAK** and double my donation through the Matching Funds program!

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____
Street City ZIP

Amount: \$ _____

Donations (name and amount) will be posted to the GoFundMe site; check the boxes for your listing preference:

I would like to give anonymously

Do not show donation amount
(names cannot be listed without an amount and therefore will not be listed online)

Mail or deliver this form with a check, payable to 'Yu-Ai Kai', to:

Yu-Ai Kai
588 North 4th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization • Tax ID: 94-2427398

For more information, contact Debbie Saito at Yu-Ai Kai: (408) 294-2505 ext. 26 or dsaito@yuaikai.org



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JAPANTOWN

5K FUN RUN / WALK

APRIL 24, 2022 @ 9AM



REGISTER FOR THE RUN



Free parking available at 70 W. Hedding

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5K

FUN RUN / WALK

9:00 – 11:00am

APRIL 24, 2022

Adults 13 and up: \$45 (\$50 Race Day) | Youth 1-12 and Senior Club: \$30 (\$35 Race Day)

Register Online:

- All Ages Welcomed, Pets, too!
- Prizes for Top 3 Male & Female Finishers, 1-12, 13-69, 70+
- Chip Timing



Ray & Lucy Matsumoto



<https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/Yu-Ai-Kai-2022-Japantown-5K-Run-Walk>

or Register by Mail / Drop-off at Yu-Ai Kai:

Download Registration Form @ www.yuaikai.org or Pick-up at the Yu-Ai Kai Main Building (588 N. Fourth Street, SJ) or at Akiyama Center (110 Jackson Street, SJ)



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After the Run/Walk, enjoy the **Nikkei Matsuri Festival**
10:00am – 5:00pm | San Jose Japantown

Proceeds from the Run/Walk benefit: Yu-Ai Kai, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

For Questions about the Run/Walk, Contact: Michelle Tanaka, tanakami408@gmail.com

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10 – Adult Service	4	5	6	7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
Hanamatsuri 10 10:00am – Combined Service	11	12	13	14	15	16 Boy Scout e-Waste Collection
Earth Day Service 17 9:30am – Dharma School Service 10:10am – Adult Service	18 DHARMA DEADLINE SJBC Golf Tournament	19	20	21	22	23 FDSTL – Virtual Mtg OFFICE CLOSED
24 FDSTL – Virtual Mtg No Sunday Service OFFICE CLOSED	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>All Sunday Service are virtual right now. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNzzDwOSv9YWwh7nNfh1ljGw</p>						

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, April 10, 2022 – Hanamatsuri @ 10:00am – Virtual

Sunday, April 17, 2022 – Earth 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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Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

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