



the Dharma

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Betsuin Calendar of Events:

Family Service - HYBRID

LIMITED ONLINE RESERVATION FOR IN PERSON SERVICE(thru August 31, 2022)

[Click Here to Register](#) or call Temple Office

August 7, 2022 – 10:30am Gilroy Obon Service at Gavilan Cemetery

August 17th to August 18th - BCA Summer Fuken (Virtual Meeting)

Riding Dragonflies

By: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

Thank you everyone. We successfully held our first in person Obon services and Festival in three years. It was wonderful to meet so many people on the grounds of the temple and in the Hondo. An enormous thank you to Ken Kamei and the committee who managed to bring us together in a time of uncertainty. To the many, many volunteers whose interest, enthusiasm and hard work made the festival safe and enjoyable, thank you for all your hard work.

After coming back from two years of virtual Obon significant changes were made. Perhaps the most important was the number of food and activities offered. As decisions were made to reduce possible exposure to covid, a large swath of our members understandably choose to stay home. Being in large crowds, working long hours in close quarters would only increase the probability of contracting covid. There were uncertainties about volunteers. Our temple is held together by people working together, COVID forced a major change in how things would get done. And they did get done. There was a maintenance person from the new apartment complex on 6th Street cutting vegetables for beef skewers. People who volunteered for community service that signed up through the website. And the youth and younger members of the temple who came to fill the gaps. It was not easy but it held together. We came together as a sangha making sure everyone was safe, the work got done and the community could once again return to the temple grounds and share in the joy of Obon.

In the gatha Obon no Uta there is the image of friends and family who have passed away, returning from the Pureland riding red dragonflies. They return in this time of Obon filling the air with the buzz of wings and the iridescence of voices and laughter. They return, not only at Obon but whenever we think of them. We are mindful of those lives that continue to be an influence in our lives. In remembering our friends and family, we also remember the many other lives we are connected with. We are because of the infinite life that we are connected to. We exist at the nexus of infinite causes and conditions that bring our life into being, sustain us and nurture us. At Obon we are especially mindful of those who are closest to us. As we dance beneath the lanterns to the music of Obon we may be aware of those who dance next to us, who may be thinking of lives we may know nothing about. And yet, we share in the grief of loss and the joy of memories that return like summer days.

In light of all that is unfolding in our world the experience of Obon may seem unimportant. Or perhaps self indulgent. With the overturning of Roe vs Wade a woman must argue for autonomy over her own body. Other laws are being considered that would prevent individuals from marrying who they love. There is a growing voice that would interpret the founding of this country as rooted in Christianity and should that succeed it would remove the wall that has separated Church and state. The fundamental tenet of a democracy is that no one is above the law. This is a basic understanding that holds us together, this too is being tested.

The Buddhadharma is about acknowledging that I view the world through my preferences. This tendency results in difficulties for myself and others. If I am able to cultivate a mind that sees things as they are then the difficulties I cause and experience can begin to subside. In Jodo Shinshu we recognize how difficult it is to cultivate this way of seeing and engaging the world. The vow of Amida that assures all beings of the resolution of difficulties allows me to acknowledge the prejudices with which I engage the world. That assurance also allows me to recognize how my very existence is the result of the life that I am a part of. This is infinite compassion.

At Obon, as I reflect on the compassion that supports me, I think about the resolution of the many challenges we face. Challenges that can only be resolved through emphatic compassion that changes how I see and engage the world.

The Priming Water in Dialogue

By: Rev. Etsuko Mikame

There are allegedly over 84,000 kinds of sutras preached by Sakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha who lived over 2,500 years ago. The number of the sutras corresponds with how many people Sakyamuni Buddha had listened to with their conflicts and afflictions and talked to in his life journey. I have no idea whether Sakyamuni Buddha really preached to that many people, but I have learned that the number “84,000” represents the infinite number in Buddhism, which means each and every one is included.

After his death, his disciples gathered together to share what they heard from him and recollect his talks correctly in the form of sutras. So, that is why the sutras always begin with the phrase “thus I have heard” because the sutras are the collections of dialogues between the disciples with Sakyamuni Buddha.

Dialogue doesn't work without a counterpart. It is a conversational ball between you and others. You could sometimes be a listener or a speaker or both. But being afraid of the awkwardness that the silence causes, sometimes we tend to talk too much and listen less. I have heard that we are afraid of something that we cannot take control of, which might be why we tend to hate the silence during the conversation and try to control the dialogue by talking a lot. Especially in my case, my English skill is not enough for others to feel comfortable to talk with, so I might probably make those people feel bored and make them feel awkward in silence. So, their concern toward me makes them a speaker and I tend to be a listener in most cases. I was struggling with it, however this made me realize the importance of listening and the skill of creating questions to encourage them to speak their own words and hearts.

As a minister, I sometimes have opportunities to have a conversation with families who experienced the severe separation with their loved ones or people who had hardship and difficulties in their lives. I think it is outrageously difficult to try to understand their feelings in the same way that they do, figure out what are their core concerns and find what the key is for them to get through the difficulty. Nevertheless, I tend to rush into answering their questions and may miss what the person really wants me to hear and answer. Therefore, even more so, I personally wish I could stop rushing, listen to the other person carefully and share questions to encourage the person to speak about what is at the bottom of their hearts.


The number of 84,000 in the sutra is the proof of how many dialogues Sakyamuni Buddha had with his disciples. The attention should be paid to the fact that Sakyamuni Buddha preached his teachings taking into account people's patience. All of his talks were given in the best suitable expression of the teaching for the person in front of him. Sakyamuni Buddha is said to be a genius in dialogue with anyone.

I found an interesting description about the dialogue in a book which I recently read. In the book, the author compared the words or questions that facilitate others to open their hearts in the dialogue as “the priming water”.

Probably the use of the term “the priming water” might not be very common recently.

There was an old well in the garden of a shrine where I used to play with my friends when I was still little in Japan. It was the type of well that pumps up the groundwater by moving the lever up and down and which was designed so that when we first start using it, we first pour “the priming water” into the pump to fill it up, and the groundwater connects to the water in the well which will bring it up to ground level. My hands still vividly remember the feeling of the cold and fresh ground water from the well in the middle of the summer.

I feel like there are some overlaps between the dialogue and the well that has these characteristics. Imagine, if two people who are about to engage in the dialogue are facing each other across “a well of words.” Probably the well might be completely dried out and the scene is static. Then either of the two people start throwing words into the well as the priming water. Before the priming water runs dry, the two take turns to keep pumping a little at a time,

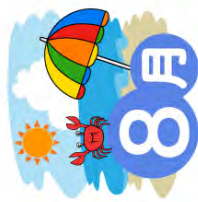


and eventually water gushes up from the bottom of the well. Once that happens, the rest of the words will just flow out naturally, without any effort on the pump.

It is the same with wells, there is some level of proficiency in how to throw in the priming water and how to pump the first time. But no matter how skilled one is at using a well, one cannot control the groundwater. The well may be dead, or the water may be muddy due to the weather or the environment. If there is such a thing as a professional in dialogue, it is not someone who can draw an abundance of clean water from any well, but rather someone who can recognize and accept any well as it is.

Japanese Article

By: Rev. Etsuko Mikame



葉月だより

*日本語には元をたどると仏教語に通ずる言葉がたくさんあります。

今月は「どっこいしょ」についてご紹介

皆さんは、どんな時に「どっこいしょ」と言いますか？重い物を持ちあげる時？階段を上り降りする時？何か気合のいることをするとき「よしやるぞ」と自分を鼓舞するために思わず口から出てくるのが「どっこいしょ」ですよ。同じ動作を「どっこいしょ」なしでもできるのですが、「どっこいしょ」というとなんとなく動作がしやすい気がします。昔はそれほど言わなかったのですが、最近の私は「どっこいしょ」が連発の日々です。実はこの「どっこいしょ」は仏教用語の「六根清浄」が転じたものなのです。以下は次来尚順さんの本から引用させていただきます。

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日本には富士山、恐山や高野山などの霊山と言われる神聖な山がたくさんあります。特に夏の時期になるとそれらの霊山を白装束の方々が杖をもって歩いて行かれる登拝者が多く見られます。その方々はただ歩いておられるのではなく、「六根清浄」と唱えながら歩いておられるのだそうです。「六根」とは、人間をつかさどっている目、耳、鼻、舌、体、心の6つの感覚器官のことを指します。また、この六根は人間の迷いが生じる原因でもあります。ですから、「六根清浄」とは「六つの感覚をきれいにしよう」ということを意味しています。自分のこの目で見たこと、耳で聞いたもの、鼻で嗅いだもの、手で触ったものなど、これらは私の経験となります。別の見方をすると、

「他の人には通用しない自分だけの物差しを作ると」ということになるのです。そこから、自分の物差しで他人を図ったり、「自分は正しい」と思い上がりや煩惱が出てきたりするのです。その思い上がりの心を消したり、煩惱を善い心へと転換させたりすることで、自分の六根をきれいにします。そして物事をあがままに受け止める。これが「六根清浄」の意味です。

「どっこいしょ」をどんな時に使ったらよいでしょうか？「どっこいしょ」は自分を振り返るために使つていただきたいと思います。「どっこいしょ」と言ったときに少し立ち止まって、「そういえばこの頃生活が乱れていないかな」「今日はどんな一日だったかな」と見直す機会にすることで、今の自分を顧みる時間になります。それが「六根清浄」に通じる「どっこいしょ」の使い方なのです。だから、今後「どっこいしょ」を使う時は少し自分を振り返るような癖をつけてみて下さい。きつと些細なことからもかもしれませんが、あなたに変化が表れてくることでしょう。

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「どっこいしょ」が口癖な方は自分を振り返るチャンスが一日にたくさんあるということなのかもしれませんね。

合掌 三瓶

日本語サービスののお知らせ

毎月第2日曜日、11時から日本語で仏様のお話をユ

ーチューブにて配信しています。今回は8月14日

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*本堂での対面でのサービスが再開されましたので、事前予約をしていただくと一緒にお寺でお参りしていただけます。詳しくはお寺のホームページをご覧ください。または、三瓶までお問い合わせください。

President's Message

By: Steve Onishi

What a summer...shooting incidents at places like Uvalde, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Laguna Hills...further evidence of global warming with continuous wildfires, record high temperatures and worsening drought...deepening political division across the US and Europe... And then, there was San Jose OBON 2022!

We did it! We ALL did it! We pulled off our first "in-person" Obon since 2019. I was going back through some old emails and noticed that we didn't make the final decision to have a "normal" Obon until early April. We were able to pull this all together in a bit over 3 months! To accomplish this incredible task required a tremendous effort by the Obon Committee. My hats off to the entire team! But as you all know, it takes hundreds of volunteers to run this festival and the Sangha stepped up to the plate. We were able to get many volunteers at the last minute to step up... It was a huge win for the Betsuin as well as the Japantown community.

Earlier in the year, there was a lot of discussion on whether or not to have a normal Obon this year. There were a lot of different factors to consider. How was the COVID situation going to evolve by July? Would we find enough volunteers to come out? Would a crowd actually come out to a large event? Would security be an issue and how would we deal with it? And of course, could we pull this off in 3 months? Well, for those that did attend, I think the answer was a resounding YES!

For those that could not attend, or did not feel comfortable to attend, we live streamed Obon as well. This gave the viewer a very good glimpse into the festival as a whole...and hopefully, convince people to come out next year.

In addition to the food and game booths, this year we had a booth to present the plans for Generations Phase II, the replacement of the current and aging Education building. We will be calling the new building the Dharma Center. I hope that you got to see what the new Dharma Center will look like and what its capabilities will be. We are very excited about this new building and expect to see more information soon.

In Gassho,
Steve

EcoSangha Used Sock Drive: Update

By: Karen Akimoto

Our Eco-Sangha sock collection is a huge success! So far, we have mailed 11 bags of socks for recycling. Each bag contains about 50 individual socks, and weighs about 2.5 pounds. Also many new pairs of socks were donated; those have been set aside to donate to a shelter. And, Lotus Preschool students will be making moray eels with about 50 of Stan Kawamata's Boy Scout socks.

Thank you for supporting our recycling project - please keep donating to keep socks out of our landfill.

COVID-19 Updates

By: Randy Suzuki

The Betsuin is adhering to the following guidelines and capacity limits.

Office Hours & Guidelines

- Weekday Office Hours
 - Monday through Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm
 - Friday 8:30am-6:00pm
- Weekend Office Hours
 - Saturday and Sunday 8:30am-4:30pm
- Masks strongly encouraged.

Service/Ceremony Guidelines

- Family Service and Special holiday services return as hybrid services.
 - Limited online reservations for in person service beginning June 19, 2022. [Click here to reserve.](#)
- Offering in person Hondo (Temple) weddings, funerals and memorial services limited to:
 - 150 attendees plus officiating minister(s) beginning Jun 1, 2022
- Virtual memorial and funeral services are available or can supplement in person services.
- No contact receiving lines are recommended.
- Limited Otoki/Refreshments begin:
 - June 1, 2022 - maximum 150 attendees.

Nokotsudo

- The Nokotsudo is open to guests with key cards or fobs.
 - Appointments or advance notice are not necessary.

Facility Use for all Betsuin and Community Organizations

- Indoor or outdoor meetings or events allowed.
- Exercise and Sports can resume Jun 1, 2022.
- Contact the Betsuin office at facilities@sjbetsuin.org, or 408-293-9292 for availability, requirements, and capacity limitations.

Organization Events

- Follow Betsuin Covid safety requirements, recommendations, and capacity limitations
- Indoor and outdoor crowd management team is recommended
- Proof of Covid Vaccination or 72 hour negative Covid test recommended for volunteers and attendees

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

The re-opening committee is meeting monthly to review the current pandemic situation and our level of opening.

Dharma Center

Generations – Our Legacy

By: Dennis Akizuki

The campaign to build a replacement for the Education Building will gain steam this fall with the official launch of the fundraising for the project.

Look for more information on the launch in the September issue of the Dharma. There will be weekly opportunities before and after services to learn more about the project.

The planned two-story Dharma Center has a striking design and will be nearly twice as large as the current Education Building. It will be a modern, ADA-compliant and environmentally friendly new home for Lotus Preschool, Japanese Language School, Dharma School and Scout groups, that will also serve our Japantown community.

The Dharma Center will continue the legacy of the immigrant generation that founded the church in 1902 and built the temple in 1937. We will need the support of the Sangha and the community to raise the money and begin construction late next year or in early 2024.

Hojo Tokunaga Chair Endowment

By: Rinban Gerald Sakamoto

Reverend Ejitsu Hojo and Reverend Kyoshiro Tokunaga are two of our most beloved ministers of the Betsuin. Many of you may too young remember either of these sensei. Their work, however, has had a great impact on what we enjoy at our temple today.

We honored these two ministers by establishing a professorial chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. The endowment that supports the chair has not reached its full capacity. We ask for your help to reach that goal.

Recently, two gifts of \$25,000 each, were pledged to the chair. There is nearly a million dollars already in the endowment but that is still far from the three million dollars that are necessary to fully fund the chair.

Please consider a gift to this wonderful project that honors the work of two remarkable ministers and prepares students for a career in the ministry.

Buddhist Women's Association

By: Barbara Sasaki

Social Welfare Co-Chair, Karen Hironaga sent 2 cards since the last Dharma Article. We hope the recipients are doing better.

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, Kathy Sakamoto, and Phyllis Sugimoto chaired BWA's first FURIKAKE activity for BWA members. 23 members attended the event. All proceeds went to the 2023 World Conference fund. Kathy and Phyllis give thanks to the BWA Board for supporting this event and thanks to Mikame Sensei, Karen Akimoto, Deborah Aso, Karen Hironaga, Linda Iwasaki, and Elaine Jones for their assistance. Also special thanks to Mikame Sensei for making and sharing her katsuo for everyone to enjoy with their gohan.

Belated congratulations to Emily Nakashima who is the recipient of the BWA Lady Kujo Scholarship this year. Emily was active in YBA, Girl Scouts and many volunteer and community service projects. BWA wishes you well in your future endeavors.

BWA hopes all who are interested in attending the 46th BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) National Conference on October 14, 15, and 16th responded to Karen Akimoto by July 25th. All BWA members and Men's Auxiliary members that are attending the Conference will have their registration fees paid by BWA. This conference will be virtual because the COVID-19 situation is still unpredictable with the new variant.

BWA is incredibly grateful for the donations received and would like to acknowledge and give a big thank you to:

- Tokiko Shinseki donated in memory of Benjamin Shinseki
- Margie Cornehl donated for the Yu Ai Kai fun run
- Michie Kimizuka made a general donation

Sangha Crafters

By: Betty Kinoshita and Tomi Imokawa

Hi all, hope the summer is going well for everyone. September is almost here. We wanted to remind everyone that September 2 will be our next gathering. It has been a hot summer. We're getting geared up to create blankets during the Fall and Winter. Thanks for continued interest in our projects. Crafters will miss Joyce Morihoro.

Next gathering is Sept 2, 11am, Temple parking lot. Please bring what you have completed and pick up new projects.

Any questions, comments, ideas and suggestions: Bettyjc@sbcglobal.net or GeorgeTomi@yahoo.com

Jr. YBA

By: Cassidy Yoneda

It has been a few busy weeks for us as we finished the 2021-2022 year. We recently went on our annual Big Trip, which was to Disneyland this year. Our last Big Trip was back in 2019, so it was really nice to be able to do this again. Over 60 of our members participated, and thank you to our advisors for their help in planning. This year also marked the return of a fully in-person Obon. Thank you to our members and advisors for helping out with prep, game and food booths, and deconstruction! Hope to see everyone at an even bigger Obon next year!!



Brownie Troop 61334

By: Troop 61334 Leaders

Obon! Obon! It's Festival Time! Although the theme was "Back 2 Obon", this was our first Obon experience along with the 1st and 3rd grade troops. It was a learning experience for all, as we provided manpower for the Go Fish booth and table service shifts!



Of course we enjoyed dressing up...



and participating with family members in the Bon Odori dances!



Adult Buddhist Association

By: Emi Tsutsumi

The temple's much appreciated ABA's (Adult Buddhist Association) Rummage Sale event will not be available for your discards again this year. There is a possibility that ABA may have the event next year, 2023. We shall see. Meantime, are you tired of all the collected stuff you have accumulated and need to cut through your clutter? Gail Rosenblum's article from the Star Tribune in Minneapolis has some useful tips for decluttering and downsizing your aging parents (or your) home:

- Accept that we are emotionally tied to some items. Photos are probably the hardest to discard.
- Take one section at a time. Work for one hour a day. Pick one drawer and declutter. Return the next day and repeat.
- If you haven't used an item in the past year, discard it. Nicer items, you might think of gifting to someone or an organization who can benefit by your donation.
- Realize most of the value is sentimental. One person had a very expensive dining room table for 40 years which she took to a consignment shop. She was disappointed to only receive \$11 for the table. However, she was told the refugee family that received the table was tremendously grateful who would now make their own memories around it.
- Focus on "the incredibly rewarding" feeling of walking into a decluttered room.

Betsuin Choir

By: Nancy Hikoyeda

The San Jose Betsuin Choir is composed of amateur adult singers who wish to spread the Dharma teachings through music. If you love to sing, have a sense of humor, like to eat good food, and make lasting friendships, you are invited to join our choir family. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcome - no auditions needed.

Ordinarily, the choir performs for the Hoonko, Hanamatsuri, and Obon services and some other events during the year. (In the past, we have also had a strawberry shortcake booth at the annual Obon/Bazaar.) Due to Covid restrictions, we have not been able to meet in person, but have had weekly virtual meetings via Zoom. During this time, the Choir has made videos of traditional, favorite gathas which have been played during the virtual Sunday Dharma service and other events. (You can view these videos on the SJ Betsuin's YouTube channel.) We are currently learning "Memories" a popular song about loss and hope for the future and "Nori no Miyama" a very old Japanese gatha describing cherry blossoms and nightingales on Dharma mountain.

We hope you will join us when we resume in-person practices, however, the virtual rehearsals are open to all.

Day/Time: Tuesday evenings, 6:55pm to 8:00pm

Place: Virtual practices via Zoom. Please contact Paul Endo (415) 730-3395 or Michael Yoshihara (408) 712-9259 or email at sjbetsuinchoir@gmail.com to obtain a link for the Zoom rehearsals.

Note: We will take a summer break from July 19 through September 6 (practice resume on September 13)

We are optimistically looking forward to in-person rehearsals again in the not-to-distant future. We will make every effort to keep you informed when live practices resume. In the meantime, join us via Zoom!



Aloha Club

By: Kathy Sakamoto

‘A ‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia
“No task is too big when done together by all.”
(‘Olelo no ‘eau-Hawaiian Proverbs)

Aloha! E komo mai!

Obon – for reals

‘A ‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia

This is always at the top of the page. And it is SO true, isn't it? It is true ALL the time, but this Obon – for real kine – it was truly felt by everyone I think.

Who knew that there would be 900 or so dancers on Saturday night and over 700 on Sunday night? Who knew that so many people would be willing to work those long hours to cook, clean, serve, prepare, build, distribute, talk, announce, digitize, stream, sell, laugh and exhibit amazing amounts of stamina and patience, be tired as heck for at least the next week or so...and do it two days in a row yet another year to put on a festival that celebrates with joyful food and dancing and fun what we appreciate, sharing, in gratitude for the time we had with our friends, family and most loved beings in our lives.

None of us could do any of this alone. But together, we can do all of that.

Wow, those ancient Hawaiians. Smart, yeah?

Aloha,

Kathy

Min'na no Mura (みんなの村)

Book Review: *The Savvy Ally*

By: Michael Jones

For those of us who want to be an ally within the LGBTQ+ movement, it is a constant challenge of vocabulary, protocol, and what to say (and do) when. Recently, Marsha Aizumi, co-author of the fabulous book *Two Spirits, One Heart* (now in its second edition), recommended a book to me that is a great help toward that goal.

The Savvy Ally (2020, Roman & Littlefield) by Jeannie Gainsburg is a wonderful resource for anyone trying to navigate the world of allyship in the LGBTQ+ movement! Gainsburg describes the role of ally - what it is and what it is not. She defines terms, gives the history of some of the terminology and gives us a peek into her own journey adding color to the story. One interesting aspect of the book is that Gainsburg is not a member of the LGBTQ+ community, nor does she have any direct connection to it.

Gainsburg defines an ally as “a person who is not a part of a particular marginalized group but who stands up for and advocates for the rights of people in that group.” What a great definition. She also notes that an ally is not part of the community, but they are part of the movement.

If you are an ally, if you are considering ways to support members of the LGBTQ+ community, or if you just want a better understanding of the whole environment, this is a concise and easy to read resource that you will find very useful. Published in 2020, the terminology is current and there is a brief but very useful glossary included.

In 155 pages, you expand your knowledge, begin to understand the key skills you will need to hone, learn to understand how and when to take action, and you will get some advice about being a responsible ally. A great and rewarding investment of time!

Here at the Betsuin, we started Min'na No Mura to help educate people and to offer a safe place for anyone to come as they are to our Temple. If you would like to learn more about how to help any marginalized group feel more protected in our community, this is a good book to use. The basic tenets of allyship remain the same, regardless of the specifics of the marginalization of the impacted group. The glossary will be different depending on the group.

Qigong

By: Jeanne Nakano

Qigong classes will continue on Zoom through August & September as Covid still remains a concern. So for your safety & comfort, all four days of Qigong will continue on Zoom.

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 August to September

Time: Aug 1, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, until Sep 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/tZYld-6srjgiGNUfkGadv7N6g0kzgVq7CrBg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqpjstHtSWuBuGRpwQGoigKOjziHZHjY1omhTCAiRFNS2gMbJJKLJVJAY_z

Join Zoom Meeting

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Music Notes

By: Elaine Jones

Here are a couple of music ventures to share with you to utilize your creativity and/or interest in Buddhist music:

1. BJ Soriano, of the Hawaii Betsuin and San Francisco Buddhist Church, is sponsoring a gatha writing workshop via Zoom to be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Please see the flier for the "Gatha Writing Workshop" in this issue of the Dharma; you'll need to preregister for this workshop.
2. Did you know that we have a Shakuhachi Club here at the Betsuin? Rinban Sakamoto has resumed practices for those interested in learning shakuhachi, and the next meeting will be via Zoom on Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. If you are interested and/or need an instrument/information, please contact Rinban Sakamoto at rinban@sjbetsuin.org.

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Pledges received June 18 to July 22, 2022

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OPEN HOUSE

Interested in Cub Scouting? Parents and prospective scouts are invited to attend Pack 611's information and join event. There will be fun activities for the kids to participate in. The Pack is open to youth K - 5th grade.

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Place: San Jose Buddhist Church Annex
632 N 5th St, San Jose, CA 95112**



Learn more and register @
<https://bit.ly/3mXDCs7>

Questions? Email: pack611@sjbetsuin.org



GATHA WRITING WORKSHOP

Via Zoom & In Person

With BJ Soriano, Workshop Facilitator
Sept 11, 2022 (see details below)



An In-person and/or Zoom workshop will include:

- Learn rhythm and structure in poetry and music
- Based on a theme, practice writing short poems or lyrics with guidance provided
- Begin flushing out poetic or lyrical lines for a gatha/poem
- Submit your work via e-mail (or at workshop) to workshop leader to review, edit, collaborate and an eventual draft

About the Workshop Facilitator:

BJ Soriano is dual member of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. Since 2003, she has composed approximately 15 gathas, conducted several gatha writing and/or singing workshops in Hawai'i and in California.

Dates, Time and Place:

September 11, 2022

1:30-4:00 PM PST (10:30 AM-1:00PM HST)

**In Person at BCSF 1881 Pine Street, San Francisco and
via Zoom for all non in-person attendees**

Zoom link will be provided in a separate e-mail to registrants

Registration deadline: September 1, 2022

Please share this information with others! Let's encourage members in our Sanghas to experience and engage with each other in the writing of potential poems, lyrics and gathas and do our part to spread the Dharma!

Please register by sending an e-mail to BJ Soriano at bj@bjsoriano.com

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, August 7, 2022 – Gilroy Obon Service

Sunday, September 25, 2022 – Fall Ohigan Service

Funeral and Memorial Service

If you need to schedule a service please call the temple office at (408) 293-9292. Due to COVID-19 we are limiting services to 150 people in the hondo through August 31, 2022. Masks will be required at all times.

Nokotsudo Hours

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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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Family Service Gilroy Obon Service @Gavilan Cemetery	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Family Service	15	16	17 BCA Summer Fuken - Virtual	18 BCA Summer Fuken - Virtual	19	20
21 Family Service	22 Dharma Deadline	23	24	25	26	27
28 Family Service	29	30	31			