



Golden Chain

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December, 2019

I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong. I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself. I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others. May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong, and may we all attain perfect peace.

48 Vows 1st & 2nd Vows

1st Vow

"If, when I attain Buddhahood, there should be in my land a hell, a realm of hungry spirits or a realm of animals, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment."

2nd Vow

"If, when I attain Buddhahood, humans and devas in my land should after death fall again into the three evil realms, may I not attain perfect Enlightenment."

I have the two physical eyes but I can not see my face with them. Then, why do I know my face? I came to know the face by and through mirrors and pictures. When I stand in front of mirrors, I don't look at a mirror but look at my face. So, the mirror is not an object to see, but the object to know me.

The 1st and 2nd vows here are showing myself in the teaching. Hell, for example, has been created because of my own anger, and I have accumulated one by one. Anger is poison to poison myself and others. A hungry spirit is also poison to damage me and other created by my own greed. A realm of animals is a being which lives only to live. These 3 realms are so called "Three Poisons" just like the 3 primal colors because any color is created by the combinations of the 3 primal colors. The 2nd vow says that I have been repeating the 3 endlessly.

These are my figures that Buddhahood (mirror) shows to me. So, when I listen to Dharma, I find myself in Buddhahood. Indeed, I have been creating my own life by the 3 poisons. If I don't have any anger in mind, I live my days peacefully. If I don't have greed, I live in serenity. If I don't possess an animal spirit, I live without anxiety, worry and fear. Although these 3 poisons are deep rooted actions, they are not instincts.

It is very hard for us to see our own minds, but this is the way to know ourselves by and through the Wisdom of Buddhahood. Wisdom of Buddhahood first shows what we are: as dark and negative shadows. It is simply because Wisdom wants us to realize that we are in the Light of Buddhahood. Thus, in Amida's Wisdom, great conversion happens from darkness to brightness.

I quote Shinran Shonin's words in Shoshin-Ge here:

If the Single Thought of joy is awakened in one's mind,
Though passions are not severed, he will attain Nirvana.
When ordinary men, sages, grave sinners, and abusers of Dharma are all Converted,
They are like various waters turned into one in taste on entering the sea.

**In Gassho,
Rev. Doei Fujii (11-2019)**

Services for December 2019

December 1, 2019 – Shotsuki Hoyo
10 A.M.

At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of December.

Rev. Dr. Hoshu Matsubayashi will conduct this service.

December birthdays will be celebrated.

(BWA Memorial Luncheon. Invitation & pre-ordered lunch only.)

December 8, 2019 – Bodhi Day Service
10 A.M.



Kathy Velasco will conduct the service.

Mochitsuki and Friendship Lunch after service is hosted by the Dharma School

December 15, 2019 – Amida Service
10 A.M.

This service is dedicated to Amida Buddha, whose Vow and Name make it possible for us to enter the Pure Land ... as we are.

Rev. Fujii will give a Dharma message in Japanese following service.

Café Dharma will follow service.

December 22, 29, & 31, 2019 – No Service

January 1, 2020 – New Year's Day Service
10 A.M. (Wednesday)

We will welcome the New Year with a Toast and treats after service!



DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

DECEASED

1935 Jutarō Suyeyasu
 1952 Matsukichi Hamamoto
 1958 Naoko Asada
 1965 Sadaichi Kawaguchi
 1971 Taki Tsuyuki
 1974 Shuzo Wazaki
 1976 Robert Yoshio Mitsutome
 1977 Shigenobu Tamasu
 1979 Mieko Kitani
 1980 Kesao Sato
 1988 Yoko Kitagawa
 1988 Michie Suyeyasu
 1989 Ichiro Baba
 1995 Katsuya Yasuda
 1995 Asako Teshima
 2000 Jukichi Furuyama
2003 *Clifton Hoang*
 2003 Aiko Hatakeda
 2003 Takefumi Mineishi
 2003 Lewis Yamamoto
 2004 Kazuho Kawaguchi
 2004 Charles Hatakeda
 2005 Tsuruo Enta
 2006 Ronald Minamide

 2006 George Shimamura
 2006 Bumpei Morimi
 2007 Haruye Stroy
 2008 Henry Otani
 2010 Shiro Handa
 2017 Jane Sato
 2017 Kazuo Hatsushi

 2018 Wakae Usui
 Yoshinobu Tanaka
 Tomeko Murakami
 Jennifer Hall
 Tsutomu Sakai
 Taeko Tashiro
 Kingo Kotake

FAMILY

Suyeyasu Family
 Hamamoto Family
 Asada Family
 Kawaguchi Family
 Saito Family
 Hamamoto Family
 Mr. & Mrs. Yoichi Mitsutome
 Mr. & Mrs. Koji Tamasu
 Kitani Family
 Mrs. Takeko Maruyama
 Mr. Naotaka Kitagawa
 Mr. Shigenobu Suyeyasu
 Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi
 Mrs. Miyako Yasuda
 Ms. Paige Ajimura
 Mr. Matsuo Furuyama
Mrs. Betty Hoang
 Mr. Glenn Nitta
 Mrs. Jamie Nagata
 Mrs. Sadie Yamamoto
 Kawaguchi Family
 Mrs. Dorothy Sato & Mr. Richard Kaku
 Enta Family
 Mrs. Nancy Minamide &
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Minamide
 Mr. Dave Shimamura
 Mrs. Fumiko Boushehri
 Ms. Mayumi Stroy
 Mr. Richard Otani
 Mrs. Lucille Misaki
 Mr. Alan Sato
 Mrs. Takiko Hatsushi
 Mrs. Amy Hatsushi Hughes
 Ms. Etsuko Miyazono
 Tanaka Family
 Murakami Family
 Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hall
 Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai
 Mr. Kyle Yamasaki
 Mrs. Jean Kotake

Memorial Service 2019

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2018 – 1 year	2007 – 13 year	1987– 33 year
2017 – 3 year	2003 – 17 year	1970 – 50 year
2013 – 7 year	1995 – 25 year	1920 – 100 year

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact the church office at (510) 471-2581 to schedule a memorial service.

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The Stanley Family Christmas Tree Lot is opening soon!
Come see the variety of trees that will brighten your holiday festivities!

Open 7 days a week beginning Nov 29 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Locations:

101 Harder Road in **Hayward**

Fremont (corner of Blacow & Stevenson next to Grocery Outlet and Suju's Coffee)

For more info, please call (510) 502-6619



What's Up Dharma School?

Our Dharma school students had the opportunity to do a **Halloween visit**, in costume, with the residents at Umenoki. One of our Alumni, Kathy Velasco, dressed up and joined in the fun as well. Students helped the seniors decorate their "pumpkin" stickers with wacky faces, and the seniors proudly wore them. The students also gave them a hand made picture frame with a polaroid picture. A few of the seniors enjoyed looking at themselves in their costumes from the polaroid! The students got a treat on their way out from Mrs. Miyoko Wright who was sitting near the door thanking all the students with a huge bowl of candy in her lap wearing her witch costume...a wonderful experience and example for the students being grateful and showing gratitude to Dharma school students to share this time with them.

We also had a very successful **bake sale** fundraiser. There was SO much variety of goodies! A huge thank you to our alumni parents, Cindy Sakihara, Kathy Velasco and Lani Uemura, for donating to our fundraiser! Additional appreciation to Lani, donating her time 'manning' the booth. Thank you very much for those who donated and bought from our sale. We will be dispersing the funds to the **Red Cross** to assist help for the victims of the recent fires.

We also held out annual **Keirokai** on November 3rd. Congratulations to Takiko Hatsushi, Kyung Ja Kato, Seiji Nakamoto, and Jim Sekigahama on celebrating their 88th birthdays this year.

This year's theme was "The 50's", coordinated by our former Dharma School parent and Co-Superintendent, Cindy Sakihara. The room was transformed into a diner (coordinated by Yukiko Osaki, Dharma School students, and Kailin Mark) from the 50's with black checkered tables, records, lollipops as napkin rings, goodie bags with a cut out record tags (coordinated by Amy Kitajima) and cars with onion rings and fries as appetizers. Seniors took pictures (photographer, Cathleen Yoshida) with 50's cafe backdrop and table (coordinated by our alumni parents, Lani Uemura and Noreen Mark), along with our very own 50's waitress (Yumi Florendo was the waitress in an outfit made by Kailin Mark). Lauren Yamasaki was the Master of



Ceremonies, greeting everyone in her 50's outfit. The Jr.YBA coordinated the game "Who's the Baby" with baby/young photos submitted by our seniors of themselves. A

HUGE thank you to Mrs.Yoshie Yamada for coordinating the entertainment with the "Pink Sweeties" consisting of Karen Suyama, Grace Joo, Mitsuko Maruyama, Sandy Maruyama, and Mark Takeda. Food was headed by Betty Yamasaki and assisted by Royce Mori. THANK YOU to the 30 parents and students who came out to help with the meal and transform the room, including Yvette Hornig and Neil Okamura who came out to help in the kitchen. Congratulations to Takiko Hatsushi, Kyung Ja Kato, Seiji Nakamoto, and Jim Sekigahama on celebrating their 88th birthdays this year. We would like to thank all of the generous donations we've received for hosting Keirokai. A special acknowledgement to the SABA group for their very generous donation to Dharma School. We hope you enjoyed the day with us.

Our next Dharma School event will be on **Bodhi Day**, Dec. 8, 2019, where we will be hosting **Mochitsuki** & otoki after service. Please join us for the traditional mochi pounding, kagami mochi making, and of course making mochi to eat! Light appetizers will be served along with all the fixings to go with the mochi.



Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church
gratefully acknowledges
the following for their generous donations:
JULY & AUGUST, 2019

Memorial Donations

Donor	Dana	In Memory of:
Koyoko Hatsushi	\$20.00	Shotsuki Hoyo
David & Lucille Misaki	\$50.00	Shotsuki Hoyo
Shizuye Awamura	\$25.00	George Awamura
Meswer Aiko Dickson	\$50.00	Michael Dickson
Sachi Fudenna	\$50.00	Tak Fudenna & Kumachiyo Kamiji
Isao & Michiko Handa	\$25.00	Kikuyo Handa, Tak Fudenna & Kumachiyo Kamiji
Victor Fujii & Walter Fujii	\$30.00	Allyce Fujii
Harry & Yuki Hayashi	\$25.00	Shizuo Harada
Walter Hashimoto	\$25.00	Shizue Hashimoto
Richard & June Hashimoto	\$25.00	Shizue Hashimoto
Takiko Hatsushi	\$50.00	Suye Hatsushi
Masahito & Yoko Hiramine	\$50.00	Shie Hiramine
Shizuye Yamauchi	\$10.00	Toshiko Hirashima
Nancy Dodd	\$10.00	Toshiko Hirashima
Hiroshi & Karen Teramura	\$30.00	Tadayoshi Kamimura
Kiyoshi & Irene Katsumoto	\$50.00	Aki, Junsuke, Hideo Katsumoto
Takeshi Katsumoto & Eleanor Best	\$150.00	Aki, Junsuke, Hideo Katsumoto
Jean Kotake	\$15.00	Shitoyo Kotake
Yaeko Yasuhiro	\$25.00	Michi Nakamura
Shigeru & Teruko Sato	\$25.00	Fumiko Sato
Satoshi & Kimiko Sekigahama	\$25.00	Shige Sekigahama
The Yamasaki family	\$20.00	Helen Yamasaki

Special Donations

Ronald & Kikue Kihara	\$50.00	Donation for the 2019 Bazaar
Service League of San Mateo County	\$100.00	In appreciation for hosting the Hope House for Buddhist lecture and Taiko drumming.
Gordon Sakamoto & Elizabeth Lee	\$1,500.00	Dana - Funeral Service for Ed Sakamoto
Ellen Yamamoto	\$1,500.00	Dana - Funeral Service for Fujio Yamamoto
Kawahara family	\$1,000.00	Dana - Funderal Service for Haruko Kawahara

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Offerings for Obon

Donor	Dana	Donor	Dana
Paige Ajimura	\$10.00	Mary Nakagawa	\$20.00
Hirofumi & Miyoko Akahoshi	\$20.00	Seiji & Emilie Nakamoto	\$20.00
Nancy Dodd	\$20.00	Paul & Yukimi Nomura	\$20.00
Sachi Fudenna	\$25.00	Fred & Joyce Okimoto	\$50.00
Yutaka Fujimoto	\$30.00	Arthur & Jessie Sakai	\$20.00
Alfred & Linda Fujikawa	\$25.00	Shigeru & Teruko Sato	\$20.00
Kenneth & Carol Hall	\$20.00	Satoshi & Kimiko Sekigahama	\$20.00
Isao & Michiko Handa	\$20.00	James & Eleanor Sekigahama	\$20.00
Takiko Hatsushi	\$25.00	Jerry & Joyce Tahira	\$20.00
Mas & Aileen Hisaoka	\$20.00	Shig & Judy Tokubo	\$50.00
Haruo & Grace Kasai	\$25.00	Yoneo Uchida	\$50.00
Masahito & Hiroko Kimotsuki	\$20.00	Yasushi & Yoshie Yamada	\$20.00
Shoge & Janet Kimura	\$25.00	Shizuko Yamauchi	\$20.00
Jean Kotake	\$15.00	Miyako Yasuda	\$10.00
Melvin & Frances Matsuoka	\$50.00	Yaeko Yasuhiro	\$25.00
Takeko Maruyama & family	\$30.00	George & Noriko Yoshidome	\$20.00
Nancy Minamide	\$20.00		

Offerings for Hatsubon

Donor	Dana	In Memory of:
Keith & Gary Kawahara families	\$100.00	Haruko Kawahara
Etsuko Miyazono & family	\$100.00	Wakae Usui
Yoneo Uchida & family	\$100.00	Chieko Uchida
Katherine Velasco & family	\$100.00	Doris A. S. Velasco
Ellen Yamamoto & family	\$200.00	Fujio Yamamoto

Offerings for Eitaikyo

Donor	Dana
Walter Hashimoto	\$25.00
Mas & Aileen Hisaoka	\$20.00
Shoge & Janet Kimura	\$25.00
Yoneo Uchida	\$25.00
Miyako Yasuda	\$10.00
George & Noriko Yoshidome	\$20.00

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JUNE 2019

Offerings for Hatsubon

Donor	Dana	In Memory of:
Hiroki & Katherine Asada	\$50.00	Hanako Asada & Miyako Asada
Hiroshi & Sumiko Asada	\$50.00	Hanako Asada & Miyako Asada
Ken & Karen Suyama	\$100.00	George Suyama & Jiro Fujii
Fred & Joyce Okimoto	\$50.00	Masako Hamamoto
Kyoko Hatsushi	\$30.00	Masaru Hatsushi
Nancy Minamide	\$20.00	Osamu Minamide
Yaeko Yasuhiro	\$20.00	Shigeharu Nakamura
Arthur & Jessie Sakai, Alan Sakai, Derrick & Cindy Chan	\$50.00	Toshiko Sakai
Jerry & Joyce Tahira	\$30.00	K. Sekigahama
Wilfred & Sally Hinson	\$20.00	Kay Otani

Special Donations

Donor	Dana	Description
Takiko Hatsushi	\$500.00	Dana for Takiko's recovery
SACBC Japanese School	\$1,000.00	Orei - Use of Facilities 2018-2019
Curtis Mark & Noreen Osaki	\$200.00	Dana in honor of Kailen's Graduation from CalPoly.
Kyle & Betty Yamasaki	\$200.00	Dana for use of classroom for Emi's Graduation

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THANK YOU!!!

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DECEMBER 2019

SACBC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 REVEREND OFF Shotsuki Hoyo 9a-3p BWA LUNCHEON	2 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	3 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	4 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	5 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	6 5:00p Bingo (Faafouina)	7 9a-1p JLS
8 REVEREND OFF 10:00a BODHI DAY SERVICE Mochitsuki after service	9 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	10 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA	11 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko 7:30p Board Mtg	12 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	13 5:00p Bingo (SACBC)	14 9a-1p JLS
15 10:00a AMIDA DAY SERVICE	16 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	17 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Scouts	18 12p Golden Chain Deadline 5:00p AA 7:00p Taiko	19 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	20 5:00p Bingo (O'Nami Taiko)	21 9a-1p JLS
22 <i>NO SERVICE</i>	23 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	24 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA	25 CHRISTMAS Office Closed	26 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA 7:00p Kendo	27 <i>NO BINGO</i>	28 9a-1p JLS
29 <i>NO SERVICE</i>	30 7:00p Kendo 7:00p Taiko	31 8:45a Exercise 5:00p AA				

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December Events

Dec. 1, Sunday	10am	Shotsuki Hoyo BWA Luncheon (By invitation only)
Dec. 8, Sunday	10am	Bodhi Day Service Mochitsuki following service
Dec. 11, Wednesday	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Dec. 15, Sunday	10am	Amida Day Service
Dec. 22, Sunday		No Service
Dec. 25, Wednesday		Christmas Day – Office Closed
Dec. 27, Friday		No Bingo
Dec. 29, Sunday		No Service