



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.

Moving Forward in Hope

Happy New Year! Greetings to all families and friends of SACBC. I look forward to a new year that will bring hope and a renewed sense of meaning in all of our lives. 2021 came and went in a flurry, all while at the same time passing quietly by. I am not sure how that works, but I find myself writing a new greeting message when I feel like I just did this not too long ago, certainly not a year ago!

It is hard to imagine that I came here to SACBC in August 2020, making it about one and a half years. Our move here was in the midst of the pandemic, when there still wasn't a vaccine. We had many worries at that time. After sometime, the vaccine came out and we were relieved of the situation. But it seems like as one thing gets solved, yet another problem arises out of the situation. As I am writing this article, the Omicron variant is spreading throughout the world. The news I am reading is saying that there will likely be a variant in the future which will be resistant to the vaccine we have right now. So again, as we get one thing solved, a new problem arises. I'm no rocket scientist, but I suspect that if we get that problem figured out, there will yet again, be a new problem that will emerge from the woodwork. It seems that we will never catch a break from this pandemic. We are actually told that we should get used to living with coronavirus, as this disease is here to stay with the human race.

If we look at this issue of the coronavirus from a Buddhist lens, this pandemic is but another example pointing to the larger issue of the human condition: suffering. Let us take the issue of war. Let's say, for the sake of argument, that the United States is able to resolve the rising tension between Russia and Ukraine. Even if war is averted this time around, it will be so temporarily before another situation will arise between the same two countries or elsewhere in the world. The issue of war will come up again and again. The same can be said for most other social issues. Poverty, world hunger, our latent policies towards climate change, geopolitical tensions, the widening gap between the rich and the poor, discrimination against minorities, treatment of immigrants in this country, and so on. It will continue on and on. If we find a solution for a problem, another problem will arise, and the suffering will continue. So long as we humans fail to see the root cause of suffering, which is to look at this self and the human condition, we will always be looking for the answers to our problems in the wrong places.

This is not to say that we should not take part in finding concrete resolutions to these various problems. However, we must remember that the real resolution will never be found outside of ourselves. This is because the root problem is not outside of ourselves—the root problem is in fact, found within the self. What shows us the true human condition is none other than the teaching of Amida Buddha's Great Wisdom and Compassion. For this reason, let us move



forward to 2022 with a newfound hope and confidence found within the world of boundless wisdom and compassion, and use Amida Buddha's working as our spiritual foundation. Gassho.

願いの中、ひたむきに

新年あけましておめでとうございます。昨年に引き続き、2022年もコロナ禍で迎える新年となりましたが、皆様にとって新たな希望に満ち溢れた年になりますよう心から念じ申し上げます。2021年はあっという間に過ぎていき、ついこの間年賀状を書いたばかりだと感じます。

私は2020年8月にこのお寺に就任いたしました。当時、パンデミックが深刻な状況でワクチンがまだない頃でした。家族でこの先はどうなるんだろうと色々心配しながら来ました。そして少し時間が経ちますと、ワクチンが開発され、世の中が少しほっとした感じになりました。しかし、一つの問題が解決されたら、また新たな問題が発生することになります。今、この記事を書いている中、オミクロン型が世界中に広まっています。今朝、ニュースを見てましたら、いつか今のワクチンが効かなくなる新たな新しい新型が発生すると放送されました。ですから、状況が少し安定したなと思い始めた時にまた新しい問題が発生するのであります。問題は次から次へと出てきてキリがない状態です。

このコロナの問題を仏教からしてみますと、パンデミックそのものは人間の苦しみを象徴していると考えられます。例えば、戦争を考えてみますと、もしアメリカがロシアとウクライナの間での戦いを防げられたとしても、それはちょっとした間のことで、いつかまた戦争の問題が出てくるでしょう。戦争そのものは次から次へと起きてきます。様々な社会問題も一緒ではないかと思えます。貧困、食べ物がない状態、環境問題に対する不振な態度、差別など次から次へと続きます。もし、何かに関して解決があったとしても、直ちに更なる問題が起きてきます。人間は「自我」というものが全ての問題の源だと気づかない限り、本当の解決に達することが不可能です。

「それでは何もしなくてもいいのか」と言うと、その考えも誤りで、私たちは社会問題に取り組む必要はあります。しかし、人間の本当の悩みを考える必要がまずあるということを感じなければなりません。そして、その悩みが解決する中、本当の喜びが分かるのです。その「自我」の本当の姿を教えてください。それは阿彌陀如来様の智慧と慈悲のはたらきです。その故、如来様のはたらきを気づく中、この人生を自信を持って深い願いで生きていきたいと思うところです。合掌

Happy New Year!



**January 1, 2022 – New Year's Day (Shusho-e) Service
Saturday 10 A.M.**

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service on ZOOM.

**January 9, 2022 – Shotsuki Hoyo
10 A.M.**

Our first HYBRID service with in-person* attendance AND on Zoom

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

Dharma message in Japanese will be given after English service.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this service **HYBRID** service.

January birthdays will be celebrated.

Dharma School will follow service.

**January 16, 2022 – Hoonko Service
10 A.M.**

This is the memorial service for Shinran Shonin, founder of Jodo Shinshu.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **HYBRID** service.

Rev. Dr. Hoshu Matsubayashi will be the guest speaker.

Dharma School will host a traditional mochitsuki after service for those in attendance.

**January 23, 2022 – Family Service
10 A.M.**

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will post this service on **YouTube**.

**January 30, 2022 – Family Service
10 A.M.**

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this **HYBRID** service.

The SACBC Board of Directors will be installed.

*The General Meeting will be held after service. A quorum is needed, so
please attend in-person, on Zoom, or sign a proxy.*

Otoki with bento will follow the General Meeting for those who attend.

Please RSVP to Emily by January 16 if you plan to attend.

*Note: Our first in-person service is scheduled for January 9. The Alameda County Health Department protocols will be followed. Please bring proof of vaccination or a negative test done within 3 days of the service. Masks must be worn while inside the Hondo. Thank you.

JANUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on **Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM; HYBRID (In-person or Zoom).**

DECEASED

1937 Chizuko Sekigahama
1958 Sakue Kamiji
1960 Tsuru Nomura
1965 Hichizo Ota
1966 Ruriko Kataoka
1968 Koyuri Shibata
1976 Moto Tsurui
1978 Haruyo Kawaguchi
1986 Taijuu Kato
1993 Tsuyuko Suzuki
2000 Dennis James Hatakeda
2002 Toshiharu Okada
2003 Katsunori Hatsushi
2005 Tsugio Nishimura
2006 Yoshiko Kawaguchi
2006 John Nagata
2007 Marie Payne
2007 Hosshi Shingetsu Akahoshi
2008 Ken Okubo
2011 June Okino
2011 Yuka Matoba
2011 Jon Nakamoto
2014 Moss Fujii
2014 Molly Kitajima
2018 Ronald Misaki
Yoshimitsu Ushijima
Chiyemi Sakuda
Christopher Takayama
Ichitaro Yamasaki
Matsue Yamasaki
Kathleen Marie Dupler
Machi Doami
Marcus Susumu Hishinuma
Richard Sakakida
Tsugiko Hayashi
Edward Cuccia
2020 Anne Tanaka
Keiko Okubo
2021 Haruko Hamamoto

FAMILY

Sekigahama Family
Mrs. Sachi Fudenna & Mrs. Michi Handa
Nomura Family
Ota Family
Kataoka Family
Shibata Family
Tsurui Family
Kawaguchi Family
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sakuda
Suzuki Family
Mr. Harold Hatakeda
Mr. & Mrs. Hideo Okada
Mrs. Kyoko Hatsushi
Mr. & Mrs. Fujio Yamamoto
Kawaguchi Family
Mrs. Jamie Nagata
Mrs. Nancy Camacho
Mr. Hiro Akahoshi
Mr. Patrick Okubo
Okino Family
Mrs. Haru Hamamoto
Mr. & Mrs. Seiji Nakamoto
Fujii Family
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Kitajima
Ms. Joslynn Browne & Ms. Tiffany Misaki Holly
Mr. & Mrs. Yasushi Yamada
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sakuda
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Takayama
Mr. Kyle Yamasaki
Mr. Kyle Yamasaki
Mr. Ron Dupler
Doami Family
Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Hishinuma
Sakakida Family
Mr. Richard Hayashi
Ms. Ann Cuccia
Mr. John Tanaka & Mr. Gary Tanaka
Mr. Patrick Okubo
Mr. Gary Hamamoto

Memorial Service 2022

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2021 – 1 year	2010 – 13 year	1990 – 33 year
2020 – 3 year	2006 – 17 year	1973 – 50 year
2016 – 7 year	1998 – 25 year	1922 – 100 year

If this is a special service year for a departed relative, please contact (510) 471-2581 Or at sacboffice@gmail.com to schedule a memorial service

President's Message

Dear SACBC Sangha,

After over ten years as your Board President, it's past time for some new leadership and I am finally stepping down. The Board elected John Arai as the next President and Kyle Yamasaki as the first Vice President in preparation for him assuming the Presidency in 2023. John has previous experience as President and Kyle is familiar with our youth groups, led our COVID Task Force, and is our resident Zoom host/expert. I believe that both are well qualified to lead SACBC as we move forward in 2022.

I would like to thank the Board and everyone for their support over the past ten years as we overcame many challenges which included getting four Resident Ministers. Rev Carol's health problems and Rev Fujii's sudden unexpected passing were especially challenging recent transitions. But we are now well position with a great Resident Minister, Rev Miyaji who will lead our Sangha into the future.

According to the BCA, that future must focus on younger members and I now find myself aging out. When I first started, I thought that I was one of the younger Presidents but that was over ten years ago and I must admit that I no longer qualify as a younger member. I'm now a legitimate Keiro Kai guest and not just an official making a presentation. I think that both John and Kyle together can better represent and serve our younger members.

So once more thank you for your participation and support in SACBC's success. It has been my honor to serve as your SACBC President and I can now fully qualify for the title of Past President on our Board!

HAPPY NEW YEAR and looking forward to a great 2022!

In Gassho,
Ken



2022 SACBC Board of Directors

2022 Officers

President	John Arai
First VP	Kyle Yamasaki
VP Operations	John Arai
VP Religious Activities	Karen Fujii
Recording Secretary	Karen Suyama
Treasurer	Larry Gissible
Membership Treasurer	Yvette Hornig
Equipment Treasurer	Larry Gissible
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Takemoto
General Counsel	Garret Murai
Past President	Ken Suyama

2022 Elected Board Members

Dave Abe	Paul Nakao
John Arai	Jamie Nagata
Nancy Dodd	Hideo Okada
Karen Fujii	Neil Okamura
Reina Fujii	Noreen Osaki
Larry Gissible	JoAnn Rogers
Yvette Horning	Cindy Sakihara
Noel Lowe	Mark Shimomura
Curtis Mark	Karen Suyama
Ken Matsubayashi	Pat Takemoto
Kathy Murai	Katherine Velasco

2021 Organization Representatives

BWA	Nancy Minamide
Dharma School	Betty Yamasaki & Cathleen Yoshida
Jr YBA	Kyle Yamasaki
AA	Royce Mori
Cub/Boy Scout	Patrick Kogoma
O Nami Taiko	Bob Kitajima
Japanese Language School	Garret Murai
Kendo	Hideo Okada
Bingo	George Nakamura

BWA NEWS by Nancy Minamide

Happy New Year! At our last Bay Area BWA meeting, it was announced that the Kyoto World Conference committee would like a tentative number of attendees for the World BWA Conference in Kyoto, Japan. I did not announce the initial registration, which was October 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 due to the Covid restrictions. The second registration begins April 1, 2021 to March, 2023. At this time Japan again has restrictions due to the Covid variant. The 17th World Women's convention (hopefully) will take place in Japan between May 6-11,2023. It is difficult to foresee the future, but is you are interested in going, please let me or Pat Takemoto know, so we can convey the numbers to the Bay Area BWA by the end of January. Also, there will be various post-convention tours of Japan. Again, please let me or Pat know if you are interested.

At this time, I am resigning as SACBC-BWA president. We need an energetic and enthusiastic leader. My thanks to our board members and especially to Terry Sato (treasurer) who has kept our accounts current and keeps writing the checks for our dues to FBWA, Bay Area BWA, BCA, IBS, Wheel of Dharma, and now to the Lady Eshinni and Lady Kakushinni Professorial Chair. These take the majority of our dues as well as our contributions to our own SACBC Dharma School, Jr. YBA and events. Thank you Terry for so many years of service.

Thank you to Pat Takemoto for acknowledging all members in sickness, health and death. Special thank you to Karen Suyama for her guidance and support. She was president for BWA for over 15 years. We could not have had successful rummage sales without Judy Tokubo. She spent months carrying away and distributing left over items to various charities. Do you know, we still have truck loads of items from our March, 2020 rummage sale? We cannot have another sale until all items are cleared out from the back area of the gym.

Thank you to each member of BWA for your support at BWA Bingo Nights, Manju making, rummage sales, otoki for funerals and the bazaar. We could not gather, if not for our Toban Leaders. Thank you and best wishes in all your future endeavors.



What's Up Dharma School?

Dharma school is deeply thankful for all the support our sangha has given us during this continued unprecedented COVID time. We were grateful to be able to host a hybrid version of Keirokai safely this year and we are currently planning to host **Mochitsuki-Otoki** on **Jan.16, 2022** after service in the Sangha Hall as long as CDC guidelines allows us to. For the safety of yourself and others, we will be following the same procedure as the hybrid in-person service and we ask that you bring proof of vaccination (original card or digital) for this event. We will also ask that you sign a COVID questionnaire for this event. You can complete and email it to b_yamasaki@yahoo.com or bring it on the day of the event. We will also have copies to sign on the day of the event.

COVID form: tinyurl.com/QUSCOVID

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Stay safe and healthy,

In gassho,

Betty and Cathleen



Pet Memorial Service: February 13, 2022

To honor the pets that shared their lives with you, the annual Pet Memorial Service will be Sunday, February 13. Please email, send, or drop off pictures with names of your pets that you would like remembered during this service. The deadline is February 2, 2022. Be sure to include your name(s). If sending or providing hardcopies, please include your name and contact information so the pictures can be returned to you.



Medaka no Gakko

Japanese Culture Summer Camp

3 weeks in-person Jun 20-Jul 8, 2022

www.medakanogakko.org

Camp 8:45-1 PM; Extended Care 1-4 PM; K-6th grade; Parent Co-op; registration begins in mid-January 2022

Located at Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road Palo Alto, CA only 21 min from SACBC; carpool contacts available

Kofu Scholarships available for members of SACBC and the SACBC Japanese School for partial tuition assistance

For more information: naoko.fujii@gmail.com or Naoko Fujii at 650-485-1560

河府日本語奨学金

Note: Enrollment guideline – students enroll in the grade for which they have just completed.
Example: students who completed kindergarten at the end of the 2020-21 school year should register for the Medaka no Gakko Kindergarten class.

Scholarships are available to members of SACBC and SACBC JLS to encourage attendance. It is hoped that parents will arrange carpooling between SACBC and Palo Buddhist Temple.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM

- ** Donate your unwanted car, truck or van**
 - ** Receive a tax deduction and help SACBC**
 - ** Running or not, even wrecks are accepted**
 - ** We handle all DMV paperwork ** It is fast and easy ** Towing is free!**
- For more info and to schedule a pick up call:
Harold's Car Donation Service
800-310-5274
Website: haroldscardonationsservice.com**

**Don't forget to mention that this is a donation for SACBC
so the proceeds from the sale of the car go to our church.**



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SACBC Bento Fundraiser by Chef Royce Mori

To order: Call and leave a message at church: 510-471-2581 or Email: SACBCOffice@gmail.com

Order deadline: Mondays at NOON

Pick Up: Wednesdays, 3PM – 4 PM

SACBC, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587

Payment: There are five options for paying:

- PayPal or Venmo: sacbc.treasurer1@gmail.com
- Credit card: VISA, Mastercard (will be processed onsite during pick up)
- **Check** made out to: SACBC or Cash (Exact amount pls) in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the outside.

JANUARY BENTO MENU

	Meat	Vegetarian/Pescatarian	Notes/comments
January 5	Happy New Year! (No bento)		
January 12	“Fell Off the Bone” Coffee Glazed Baby Back Ribs Mixed Green Salad w/ Creamy Thai Basil Dressing Wok Fired Green Beans Basil Eggplant Steamed White Rice \$17	Typhoon Shelter Shrimp <i>(Crispy Garlic & Black Bean Shrimp)</i> Mixed Green Salad w/ Creamy Thai Basil Dressing Wok Fired Green Beans Basil Eggplant Steamed White Rice \$18	
January 19	Beef Short Rib Stew <i>(potatoes, carrots, onions, peas)</i> Chopped Green Salad w/ Apple Dressing Sauteed Cabbage & Bacon Steamed White Rice \$18	Saba Shioyaki Chopped Green Salad w/ Apple Dressing Steamed Broccoli Steamed White Rice \$18	
January 26	Roasted Ginger & Scallion Chicken Wings Mixed Green Salad w/ Sesame Dressing Chicken Rice Long Choy Sum Sunomono (Cucumber Salad) \$17	Salmon Chanko Nabe (Sumo Wrestler Stew) Mixed Green Salad w/ Sesame Dressing Manila Clams Kamaboko Age (Marinated Tofu Skin) Napa Cabbage Long Choy Sum Steamed White Rice \$18	

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JANUARY EVENTS

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| Dec 31–Fri | Office Closed – New Year’s Eve |
| Jan 1–Sun | New Year’s Day (Shusho-E) Service (On Zoom) |
| Jan 9–Sun | Shotsuki Hoyo (First Hybrid Service) |
| Jan 16– Sun | Hoonko Service (Mochisuki After Service) |
| Jan 17–Mon | Office Closed – Martin Luther King’s Day |
| Jan 23– Sun | Family Service (On YouTube) |
| 30–Sun | Family Service (Hybrid Service)
Board of Directors Installation
General Meeting After Service; Otoki to Follow |

All Sunday Services Start at 10:00 Am

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300

Passcode: 549504