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MAY 2023

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.

Oterakai

On April 9, the first Oterakai (Otera=Temple, Kai=Gathering) was held at the temple's sangha hall. We had nine families and 15 children between the ages of 3-12 attended the first Oterakai and we exchanged books, kid's toys, clothes, etc...

Thanks to the generosity of BWA and Dharma School, we enjoyed delicious udon noodles and an Egg Hunt! The highlight of the day was hearing the children's happy voices echoing all around the temple.

With the help of my friends, we will be holding regular events with the goal of building a trusted community at SACBC. Thank you to the SACBC board for allowing us to use the temple facilities.

Gassho.

Kaori Miyaji

お寺会

去る4月9日、お寺のサンガホールをお借りして、第一回Oterakaiを開催いたし ました。

9家族、3~12歳の子供たち15人の参加と、第一回目から大賑わい。BWAとダー マスクールのご好意により美味しいおうどんをいただき、お互いに親交を深める ことができました。また、エッグハントの際には、お寺の前の庭で子供たちの楽 しそうな声が響き渡りました。

Oterakai(お寺会)では、私の友人達の協力を得て、自分や家族に信頼できる

仲間の輪を広げることを目的に定期的に イベントを行います。記念すべき第一回

目は「持ち寄り交換会」でした。お寺の施設使用を認めてくださった委員会の皆様 、ありがとうございました。

> 宮地 香織











What's Up Dharma School?

May 2023

What a busy and fun Hanamatsuri weekend! Some of our Dharma school students came to decorate the hanamido the day before Hanamatsuri service.

After Rev. Miyaji's Hanamatsuri dharma message, the elementary students decorated bags in preparation for a Hanamatsuri egg hunt, where the Jr/High School students stuffed plastic eggs with small surprises and messages and hid them for the elementary students to find. We also opened it up to other kids from Kaori's "exchange' event to join us in our egg hunt. So much fun to watch the kids try to find the eggs!

After the class/service, we co-hosted an Udon otoki with BWA. We are very grateful for all the fruit and dessert donations from the Dharma School parents and BWA! It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance and catching up with the Sangha.

A big thank you to BWA and our Dharma School families for the donation and help! We also like to thank our alumni DS parent, Glen Sekigahama for coming out to help and to John Arai for helping us clean up and close up.

DATE CHANGES for the remaining days of Dharma classes for the 2022-2023:

- May 7
- May 21
- June 4 (Graduate recognition/attendance)

Stay safe and healthy,

In Gassho,

Cathleen and Betty













MAY SHOTSUKI HOYO

Family, relatives and friends are invited to attend the monthly memorial service for the following on

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

DECEASED

1920

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FAMILY Shoichi Misaki David Misaki & Karen Fujii 1940 Takichi Misaki David Misaki & Karen Fujii Seizo Handa Mrs. Michiko Handa & JoAnn Rogers Susumu Saito Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi 1947 Zenichiro Shibata Mrs. Arlyne Shibata Sumiko Kato Mr. Wayne Sakuda lto Misaki David Misaki and Karen Fujii Naoichi Ikeda Ikeda Family Katsujiro Maruyama Mrs. Takeko Maruyama Tomie Shikano Mr. Ben Shikano Chikano Maruyama Mrs. Takeko Maruyama Hamano Fudenna **Fudenna Family** Yasuto Kato Mr. Wayne Sakuda Barney Hachiro Handa Handa Family Yoshiko Sato Mrs. Takeko Maruyama Haruto Hamamoto Hamamoto Family Alyce Setsue Masamori Masamori Family 1992 Kelvin Kato Mrs. Paula Kato Kimiyo Sekigahama Sekigahama Family Scott Hoang Mrs. Betty Hoang Bernice Emiko Mongi Mongi Family Natsu Teshiroqi Mr. & Mrs. Tsuyoshi Teshirogi Toshiko Abe Mr. David Abe Robert Whitaker Mrs. Marcia Whitaker 2010 Robert Kinji Shibuya Shibuya Family 2012 Haruki Takemoto Mrs. Patricia Takemoto Roy Hirabayashi Ms. Joy Hirabayashi-Dethier 2018 Katsumi Maruyama Mrs. Takeko Maruyama, Ms. Mitsuko Maruyama Mrs. Grace Joo, Ms. Sandy Maruyama 2018 Ichizo Shikano Mr. Ben Shikano Mae Sanaye Nishiguchi Mr. Don Nishiquchi Fusa Kamimoto Mr. & Mrs. Art Sakai 2019 Ed Sakamoto Mrs. Marie Sakamoto Mrs. Karen Suyama Ayako Fujii

2021 Masahito Hiramine

2020 Sayoko Tamura

Mrs. Yoko Hiramine NAMO AMIDA BUTSU NAMO A

Ms. Lauren Yamasaki-Cramer

Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Yamasaki; Mr. Yuzo Tamura,

Memorial Service 2023

Memorial year for those who passed away in:

2022 – 1st year	2011 – 13th year	1991 – 33rd year
2021 – 3rd year	2007 – 17th year	1974 – 50th year
2017 – 7th year	1999 – 25th year	1924 – 100th 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.



Services for May 2023

From the California Department of Public Health: Starting April 3: Based on the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels,

our area is Low. People can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by their own personal level of risk.

May 7, 2023 – Shotsuki Hoyo 10 A.M. At this monthly memorial service, we will honor those loved ones who passed away in the month of May. Blake Honda is a Minister-in-training and will officiate this **IN-PERSON ONLY** service. May birthdays will be celebrated. Dharma message in Japanese is CANCELLED and will resume next month. Dharma School will follow service. May 14, 2023 – Family Service 10 A.M. Blake Honda is a Minister-in-training and will officiate this **IN-PERSON ONLY** service. May 21, 2023 – Gotan-e Service 10 A.M. Gotan-e is the observance of the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu. Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service. Dharma School will follow service. May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day & Family Service 10 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji will officiate this Hybrid service.

Shinran Shonin's actual birthday is on May 21, 1173. He was born in Kyoto, Japan. Because of Shinran's efforts to spread the Nembutsu teaching, this tradition has been passed down to us for over 800 years! The message of Amida Buddha's Great Compassion is spreading throughout the world, in other parts of Asia, Europe, South America, and here in North America as well. Let us proudly remember our founder and celebrate his birthday together!



SACBC's 57th Annual

Japanese Bazaar



Saturday July 15, 11:00am –7:00p... Sunday, July 16, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Free Admission!

FUN for the whole family!

Silent Auction: Bidding ends Sun. 7/16 at 1pm Need not be present to win.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Sunday, 3pm

Games: Demon Smash, Duck Pond, Nickel Pitch & Other Games for Children



Food-Japanese Cuisine Chicken Teriyaki, Gyoza, Udon, Sushi ...

Plus... Teri Burgers, Corn-On-The-Cob, Shave Ice

For more information, call 510-471-258 or email: sacbcoffice@gmail.com

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32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Union City, CA 94587 Taiko Demonstrations, Sat. 4pm & Sun. 1:30pm O'Nami Taiko, Kendo, Ikebana Exhibit Bonsai Exhibit, Sat & Sun 2pm Intro to Buddhism, Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Sat & Sun 2pm Boutique & Crafts, Bookstore & more!





12th Annual Silent Auction - July 15-16, 2023

Spring is here and the 58th Annual SACBC Bazaar is getting closer. We are calling upon the Sangha to help us reach out to local businesses they regularly frequent and ask for donations. We appreciate any donation from businesses and "friends" of SACBC.

For the 12th Annual Silent Auction, we are asking SACBC organizations and affiliated organizations, as well as Sangha members for donations. We gladly accept donations of new items as well as gently used and precious older items. Items that attract interest and competitive bids are suggested below:

TICKETS/GIFT CERTIFICATES

-Spas

CERTIFICATES to

-Specialty Shops

-Restaurants

TICKETS to -Sporting Events -Amusement Parks -Interesting places in the Bay Area -Plays, musicals, movies

ELECTRONICS

	-Bluetooth Speakers
-Tablets	-Video games
-eReaders (eg. Kindle)	-Video game gift cards (eg. Roblox, Call of Duty)
-Headphones	-Gaming accessories (eg. controllers, mouse,
-Amazon Echo	headsets, carrying case, etc.)

THEME BASKETS (examples)

SPORTS: Basketball, baseball, football, soccer,
golf, tennis, fishing, etc. Include equipment,
memorabilia, etc.FOOD: Wine, Liquor, Samplers (Crackers, Pasta,
Chocolates)GIFT CARDSARTS & CRAFTSGIFT CARDSPETS: Dog, Cat, Fish, Birds, etc.CELEBRATIONS: Christmas, Valentine's Day,
Halloween, Birthday, Anniversary, etc.BOOKS
KIDS TOYS that are popular right now

"HIS", "HERS", "KIDS"

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

-Art: Paintings, Sculptures	-Tools
-Japanese art pieces	-Travel aids
-Dolls	-Small appliances
-Collectibles (vases, ceramics, etc.)	-Handcrafted items (knitted, crocheted,
-Air Fryer	embroidered, woven, sewn, etc.)

To participate in this year's Silent Auction, donations must be received by **July 1, 2023**. Donations can be left in the office starting in May. Contact information for potential donors is also appreciated. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar.

Questions? Please contact Karen Fujii. Email: k.fujii02@comcast.net Church Telephone: (510) 471-2581

Volunteers Come for SACBC Clean-Up Day!

By Karen Fujii

On April 3, 2023, 29 students from Logan High School came to SACBC to help clean up both the hondo and Sangha Hall. The students earned up to 4 hours of Community Service Credit. 20 hours are required for graduation from high school.

The morning's activities were a Win - Win! The students earned Service Credits, and the facilities got cleaned! The bonus for SACBC is that they all are interested in coming to help at our bazaar in July!

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8	Sweep Floor	Food		Karen
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Here is the "To Do" List Chart -

(#13 did not get done. It's a huge project for another day.)



Table Clean Up —

Students scrubbed all the tables in Sangha Hall.



Garden Clean Up -

James Logan High School student volunteers

Thank you to the church members who guided the students through the completion of tasks.

Thank you to the 29 students from Logan High School who came eagerly, worked hard, and left us with a cleaner and more organized facility! We look forward to seeing them in July!

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FIREWORKS 2023

SACBC will once again be selling Fireworks from July 1^{st} – July 4^{th} . There will be four shifts. 9 am – noon, noon – 3 pm, 3 pm – 6 pm and 6 pm – 9 pm. There are multiple slots for each shift. It will be filled on a first come / first serve basis.

The profits from the Fireworks sales will be split in half. Half of the profits will go to the church. The other half will go to the organizations providing help. Volunteers can designate any SACBC organization to receive their proceeds. This includes: Dharma School, Jr. YBA, BWA, Scouts, AA, Taiko, Kendo or JLS. You can also designate your proceeds to go to Umenoki or SACBC.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if you would like to sign up for a shift. My email address is johnmarai1428@gmail.com

Thanks

John Arai 415-706-7490 (cell)

MAY 2023 SACBC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR (subject to change)

Sun	Mon 1 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	Tue 2 6:30 pm Scouts	Wed 3 7pm Taiko	Thu 4 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	Fri 5	Sat 6 8:30am-4pm JLS teachers' meeting
7 10 am Shotsuki Hoyo (in-person only) Dharma School	8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	9 6:30 pm Scouts	10 7pm Taiko	11 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	12	13 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
14 10 am Family service (in-person only) Mother's Day	15 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	16 6:30 pm Scouts	17 7pm Taiko	18 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	19	20 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
21 10 am Gotan-e Service (hybrid) Dharma School	22 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo	23 6:30pm Scouts	24 7pm Taiko	25 9-2pm Boutique 11am JLS 7pm Kendo	26	27 7am-10pm Jr. YBA Volleyball 8:30am-12pm JLS classes
28 10 am Memorial Day & Family Service(hybrid)	29 8:30am Qi-gong class 7pm Kendo Memorial Day (office closed)	30 6:30pm Scouts	31 7pm Taiko			

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MAY EVENTS

May 6 TH – 19 TH	BAY DISTRICT WBWC JAPAN TRIP WITH REV. MIYAJI	
May 7 th – SUN	SHOTSUKI HOYO – SERVICE IS IN-PERSON ONLY	
May 14th – SUN	FAMILY SERVICE IS IN-PERSON ONLY	
	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	
May 21 st – SUN	GOTAN-E FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)	
May 28 th – SUN	MEMORIAL DAY & FAMILY SERVICE (HYBRID SERVICE)	
May 29 th – MON	MEMORIAL DAY / OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM		
Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7869 6300		
PASSCODE: 549504		